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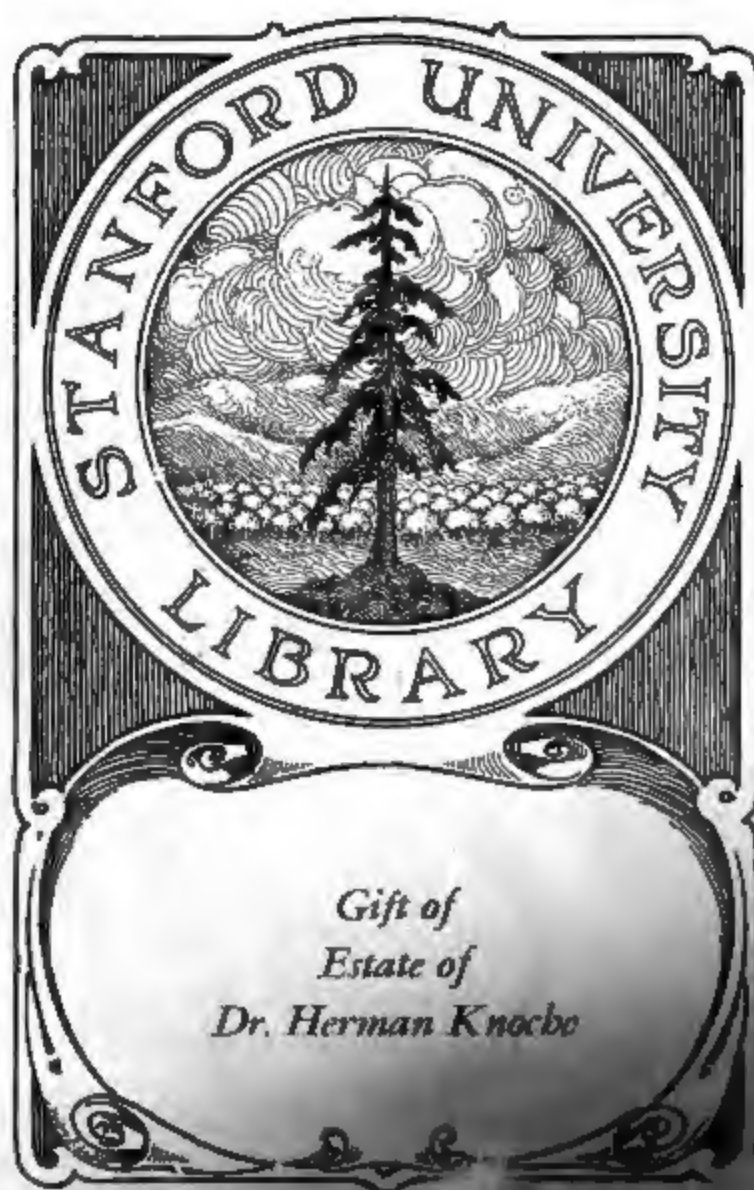
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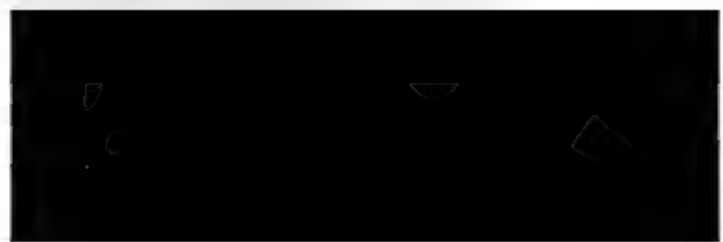




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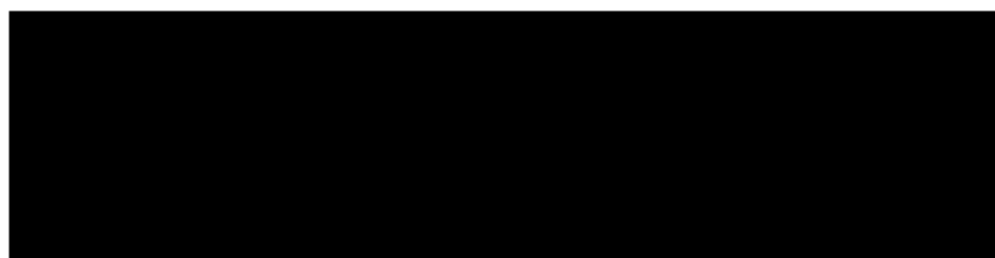
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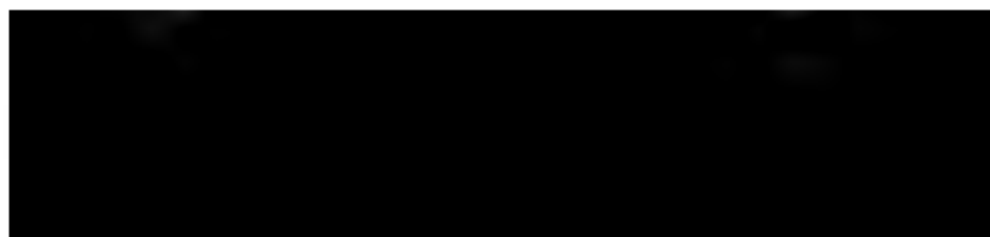
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# PREFACE.

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THIS Manual, which for six years occupied the Author's unceasing attention, was intended as a companion to Gen. Portlock's Geology; and the desire to make it worthy of that association led to an amount of labour and expense which only a very extended circulation will repay.

The plan and title were taken ~~from~~ the "Manuel des Mollusques" of M. Sander Rang, incomparably the best work of its kind—for an acquaintance with which the author was indebted to his friend and master, WILLIAM LONSDALE—the founder of the "Devonian System" in Geology.

On the subject of classification and nomenclature the Author followed the advice and example of his former colleague in the Geological Society, the late Prof. EDWARD FORBES; without whose approval he seldom added to, or deviated from, the practice and plan of the "History of British Mollusca."

That he was right in taking this course, has been sanctioned by the highest authority in this country;—since the same scheme has been employed by Prof. OWEN in the Hunterian Lectures and Catalogue. It has also been adopted by Dr. E. BALFOUR in the Madras Museum; by the Rev. Prof. HENSLOW, in his Report to the British Association on the Formation of Typical Collections; and by Prof. MORRIS in his Catalogue of British Fossils.

It was the writer's *desire*, by abstaining from the intro-

duction of personal and peculiar views, and by adhering to whatever was well established and sanctioned by the best examples, to make the work suitable for the use of Natural History Classes in the Universities.

To facilitate reference, and meet the most general requirements, the number of large groups and genera of shells has been restricted as much as possible, and those less important or less understood, have been treated as "sub-genera." A great many duplicate and unnecessary names have been mentioned only, as will be seen by a glance at the Index, where they are printed *in italics*; the writer's own wishes coincide with those of the distinguished botanist Sir J. E. SMITH, that "the system should not be encumbered with such names;" but they have been admitted in deference to custom and general opinion.\*

The rules of the British Association, intended to secure uniformity, have called into existence a few active opponents seeking to distinguish themselves by the employment of pre-Linnean and MS. names, on the pretence of carrying out the "law of priority" (p. 48). But this folly has reached its height, and will fall into contempt when it has lost its novelty.†

The investigation of dates is the most disheartening work upon which the time of an author can be employed; it is never safe to take them second-hand, and even reference to the original works is not always satisfactory.‡

Those portions of the work have been treated in most detail which throw light on particular branches of anatomy and physiology; or on great natural history problems, such

\* All the blundering and bad spelling of English and French genus-makers will be found carefully recorded in the "Index Generum Malacozoorum," by the accurate and lamented Dr. Herrmannsen, a work indispensable to every writer on Conchology.

† One example will suffice. In an "Athenæum" report, by Prof. E. Forbes, the name "*Lottia fulva*" was misprinted "*Jothia fulva*;" but although immediately corrected, the *erratum* was formally installed as a "new genus," in the works of Gray, Philippi, Catlow, Adams, and other conchologists!

‡ The *dates* on the title pages of Journals and Transactions of Scientific Societies are not usually *dates of publication*, but refer to the years for which they are issued to the subscribers. It is almost impossible afterwards to correct these false dates.

as the value of species and genera, and the laws of geographical and geological distribution. It is in these departments that the affinity of natural science to the highest kinds of human knowledge is most distinctly seen; and in them the richest and noblest results are to be obtained. For to the thoughtful and earnest investigator, nature ever discloses indications of harmony and order, and reflects the attributes of the Maker.

The recreations of the young seldom fail to exercise a serious influence on after life; and the utility of their pursuits must greatly depend on the spirit in which they are followed. If wisely chosen and conscientiously prosecuted, they may help to form habits of exact observation; they may train the eye and mind to seize upon characteristic facts, and to discern their real import; to discriminate between the essential and the accidental, and to detect the relations of phenomena, however widely separated and apparently unlike. In this way "*la belle Science*" (as Mr. Gaskoin calls Conchology!) may acquire the influence of pursuits more usually resorted to for mental development and discipline.

The wood-cuts have been principally executed by Miss A. N. Waterhouse, of Marlborough House, from original drawings by the Author; and although printed from stereotypes, they have the advantage of accurately representing what was wished to be shown.

The engravings of Mr. Wilson Lowry speak for themselves; many of the figures are from the specimens in his cabinet; and the interest he has taken in the work will be seen in the care with which the technical characters of the shells are expressed.

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The above paragraphs, forming the principal portion of the Preface to the first edition of this work, will suffice to show the objects which the late Author had in view. A few additional

words are required in order to indicate in what respects this edition differs from its predecessor. In the first edition the work consisted of three parts, in this it consists of two. In Part I. is comprised the general remarks on the structure, distribution, &c., of the Mollusca, while Part II. is devoted to the Synopsis of the Genera. The chapter on Tunicata has been omitted, since they are more nearly allied to the Polyzoa than to the Mollusca proper, and since the treatment of the Molluscoidan group would have made the work inconveniently bulky. It seemed preferable, therefore, to devote a future volume of the series to the Molluscoida (embracing both the Tunicata and the Polyzoa) than to describe them in the present work. The book has been subjected to a complete revisal, and numerous alterations and additions have been made; but the reviser has interfered as little as possible with the Author's original classification and systematic arrangement.

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# MANUAL OF THE MOLLUSCA.

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## PART I.

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### CHAPTER I.

#### ON THE POSITION OF THE MOLLUSCA IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.

ALL known animals are constructed upon five different types, and constitute as many natural divisions or sub-kingdoms.

1. The highest of these groups is separated from the next below it by a sharp line of distinction. In it the main mass of the nervous system is placed on the dorsal side of the body, and is in no instance pierced by the alimentary canal. It is separated from the alimentary canal by a partition, which in most cases is bony, and divided into separate parts, known as *vertebræ*; while in a few it is cartilaginous, and not divided into distinct parts. *Vertebræ* are a common feature amongst the *Vertebrata*, as this sub-kingdom is called; but they do not form an essential characteristic, as the name might seem to imply. Distinct organs are devoted to the functions of respiration and circulation; the sexes are generally distinct; each individual is generally developed from a single egg. Blood red.

2. In the second sub-kingdom, or *Mollusca*, which is well exemplified by the common garden snail, the nautilus, and the oyster, the soft parts are in most cases protected by an external shell, which is harder than the bones of the vertebrates, and the covering of the crab and lobster. It consists almost entirely of carbonate of lime, while the bones of the vertebrates contain a large proportion of phosphate of lime. The shells of many of the *Brachiopoda*, such as *Lingula*, and of a few of the *Pteropoda*,

such as *Conularia*, are rich in the phosphate of lime. The digestive cavity is completely separated from the walls of the body. The nervous system consists of three pairs of ganglia, except in the Brachiopoda, and these nervous centres are very much scattered. Hence Professor Owen has proposed the term *Heterogangliata* for the great group of Mollusca. The end of the alimentary canal nearest the mouth is surrounded by the ganglia which supply the foot and head.

3. The various tribes of insects, spiders, crabs, starfishes, echinoderms, entozoa, and worms, have no internal skeleton; but to compensate for it, their outer integument is sufficiently hard to serve at once as a support, a covering, and a defence for the soft parts. This external armature, like the bodies and limbs which it covers, is divided into segments or joints, which well distinguishes the members of this group from the others. The propriety of arranging worms with insects will be seen, if it be remembered that even the butterfly and bee commence existence in a very worm-like form. This division of jointed animals bears the name of the *Annulosa*. The nervous system consists of ganglia arranged in pairs in the middle line of the body. From this equal lateral development of the nervous centres Professor Owen calls the group *Homogangliata*. The nervous system is traversed by the alimentary canal. The radiated animals form a part of this sub-kingdom.

4. The next sub-kingdom comprises most of the polypes, such as sea-anemones, the fresh-water hydra, and corals, in which the general cavity of the body communicates freely with that of the digestive apparatus, on which account they are called *Cœlenterata*. The soft parts forming the body wall are composed of two distinct membranes; there is no heart; no apparent special respiratory organ; and in most cases very slight traces of a nervous system.

5. All the animals not combined in the above groups, such as the sponges, the foraminifera, and a large proportion of the microscopic animalcules, form the last sub-kingdom, named *Protozoa*. They are characterised by a general absence of any special organ.

There seems to be a much closer relationship between the molluscan and the protozoan sub-kingdoms than between the

**Protozoa.** In the same way we can pass from the highest of the *Annulosa* to the *Protozoa*. But we cannot find any continuous succession of adult forms which will connect the *Annulosa* with the *Mollusca*, or the *Mollusca* with the *Vertebrata*.

Much use is made of the terms high and low in speaking of animals; and it is important to bear in mind that they are by no means intended to imply that there is any difference in the degree of perfection, or that one animal is less fitted to subserve the purposes of life than another. By an animal of a low organisation is simply meant one in which all the functions of life are carried on by means of a few organs. The greater the number of organs that are set apart to perform special functions the higher is the animal said to be.

The evidence afforded by geological researches seems to show that the leading types of animal structure have existed from a comparatively early period in the history of the globe; and that all forms which have left any indications of their existence belong to one or other of these types. The oldest fossils known at the present time belong to the *Protozoa*; but next to them come the *Mollusca*.

By adding to the living population of the world, those forms which peopled it in times long past, we may arrive at some dim conception of the great scheme of the animal kingdom. And if at present we see not the limits of the temple of nature, nor fully comprehend its design,—at least we can feel sure that there is a boundary to this present order of things; and that there has been a plan, such as we, from our mental constitution, are able to appreciate, and to study with ever-increasing admiration.

#### CLASSES OF THE MOLLUSCA.

This sub-kingdom consists of two great groups, viz., the *mollusca* proper and the *molluscoida*. The *mollusca* are animals with soft bodies, enveloped in a muscular skin, and usually protected by a univalve or bivalve shell. That part of their integument which contains the viscera and secretes the shell, is termed the *mantle*; in the univalves it takes the form of a sac, with an opening in front, from which the head and locomotive organs project: in the bivalves it is divided into two lobes.

The univalve mollusca are *encephalous*, or furnished with a distinct head; they have eyes and tentacula, and the mouth is armed either with jaws or with tooth straps.\* Cuvier has

\* One of the drawbacks to the study of mollusca is the prevalence of such terms as jaws, arms, feet, &c. The reader must not suppose that the parts so designated are

divided them into three classes, founded on the modifications of their feet, or principal locomotive organs.

1. The cuttle-fishes constitute the first class, and are termed

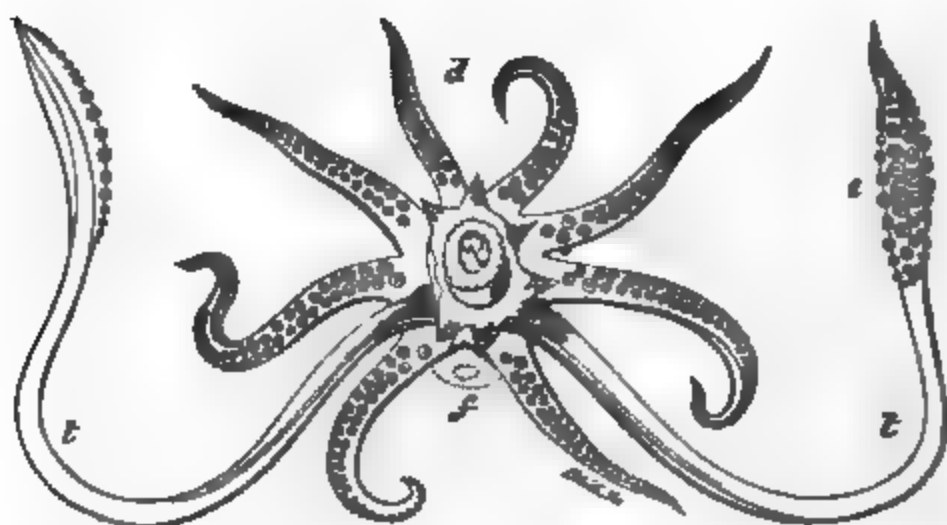


Fig. 1.\* Oral aspect of a Cephalopod.

*Cephalopoda*,† because their feet, or more properly *arms*, are so attached to the head as to form a circle round the mouth.

2. In the *Gasteropoda*,‡ or snails, the under side of the body



Fig. 2. A Gasteropod.§



Fig. 3. A Pteropod.¶

forms a single muscular foot, on which the animals creep or glide.

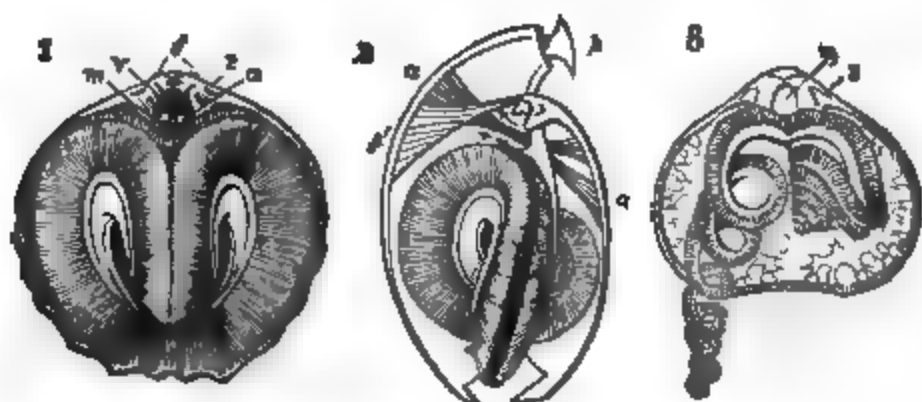
homologous in the vertebrata and in the mollusca. When applied to the latter, the terms are vague and indefinite in meaning.

\* Fig 1. *Loligo vulgaris*, Lam. †. From a specimen taken off Tenby, by J. S. Bowerbank, Esq. The mandibles are seen in the centre, surrounded by the circular

3. The *Pteropoda*\* inhabit the sea only, and swim with a pair of fins, extending outwards from the sides of the head.

The other mollusca are *acephalous*, or destitute of any distinct head; they are all aquatic, and most of them are attached, or have no means of moving from place to place. They are divided into three classes, characterised by modifications in their breathing-organ and shell.

4. The *Brachiopoda*† are bivalves, having one shell placed on the back of the animal, and the other in front; they take their name from two long ciliated arms, developed from the sides of



Figs. 4, 5, 6. *Brachiopoda*†

the mouth, with which they create currents that bring them food. These arms were formerly supposed to take the place of the feet in the previously-mentioned classes. They are, however, essentially breathing organs, and consequently the term *Brachionobranchia* (arm-breathers) has been proposed for the erroneous one of *Brachiopoda* (arm-footed).

5. The *Lamellibranchiata*,§ or ordinary bivalves (like the oyster), breathe by two pairs of gills, in the form of flat membranous plates, attached to the mantle; one valve is applied to the right, the other to the left side of the body. This class is sometimes called *Conchifera*.

The *Tunicata* have no shell, but are protected by an elastic, gelatinous tunic, with two orifices; the breathing organ takes the form of an inner tunic, or of a riband stretched across the internal cavity. These together with the *Polyzoa*, and perhaps

\* *Pteron*, a wing.

† *Brachion*, an arm.

‡ Fig. 4. (3.) *Rhynchonella psittacea*, Chem. sp., dorsal valve, with the animal (after Owen). 5, 6, *Terebratulina australis*, Quoy. From specimens collected by Mr. Jukes. (2.) Ideal side view of both valves (*f*, the cardinal muscles, by which the valves are opened). (1.) Dorsal valve. These woodcuts have been kindly lent by Mr. J. E. Gray.

§ *Lamellibranchiata*, plate-gilled.



the Brachiopoda, form the sub-class of *Molluscoida*. In the first edition the *Tunicata* were described in detail, but they are omitted in this for reasons stated in the preface.

Five of these modifications of the molluscan type of organisation were known to Linnæus, who referred the animals of all his genera of shell-fish to one or other of them; \* but unfortunately he did not himself adopt the truth which he was the first to see; and here, as in his botany, employed an artificial, in preference to a natural method.

The systematic arrangement of natural objects ought not, however, to be guided by convenience, nor "framed merely for the purposes of easy remembrance and communication." The

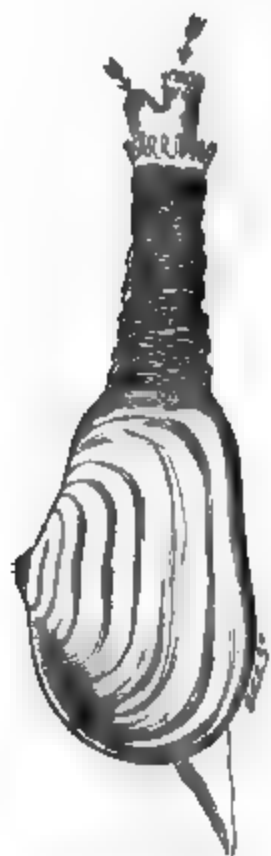


Fig. 7. A Bivalve.†

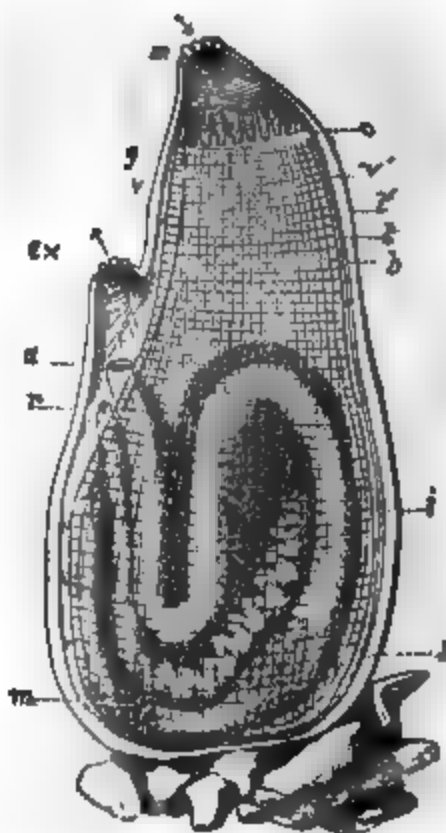


Fig. 8. A Tunicary.‡

true method must be suggested by the objects themselves, by their qualities and relations;—it may not be easy to learn,—it may require great trial and adjustment, but inas-

in the UNDERSTANDING of the subject, whereas a "dead and arbitrary arrangement" is a perpetual bar to advancement, "containing in itself no principle of progression." (*Coleridge.*)

### HABITS AND ECONOMY OF THE MOLLUSCA.

Every living creature has a history of its own; each has characteristics by which it may be known from its relatives; each has its own territory, its appropriate food, and its duties to perform in the economy of nature. Our present purpose, however, is to point out those circumstances, and trace the progress of those changes which are not peculiar to individuals or to species, but have a wider application, and form the history of a great class.

In their infancy the molluscous animals are more alike, both in appearance and habits, than in after life; and the fry of the aquatic races are almost as different from their parents as the caterpillar from the butterfly. The analogy, however, is reversed in one respect; for whereas the adult shell-fish are often sedentary, or ambulatory, the young are all swimmers; so that by means of their fins and the ocean-currents, they travel to long distances, and thus diffuse their race as far as a suitable climate and conditions are found. Myriads of these little voyagers drift from the shores into the open sea and there perish; their tiny and fragile shells become part of a deposit constantly accumulating, even in the deepest parts of the sea.

Some of these little creatures shelter themselves beneath the shell of their parent for a time, and many can spin silken threads with which to moor themselves, and avoid being drifted away. They all have a protecting shell, and even the young bivalves have eyes at this period of their lives, to aid them in choosing an appropriate locality.

After a few days, or even less, of this sportive existence, the sedentary tribes settle in the place they intend to occupy during the remainder of their lives. The tunicary cements itself to rock or sea-weed; the ship-worm adheres to timber, and the *pholas* and *lithodomus* to limestone rocks, in which they soon excavate a chamber which renders their first means of anchorage unnecessary. The *mya* and razor-fish burrow in sand or mud; the mussel and *pinna* spin a byssus; the oyster and *spondylus* attach themselves by spines or leafy expansions of their shell; the *brachiopoda* are all fixed by similar means, and even some of the gasteropods become voluntary prisoners, as the *hipponyx* and *vermetus*.

Other tribes retain the power of travelling at will, and shift their quarters periodically, or in search of food; the river-mussel drags itself slowly along by protruding and contracting its flexible foot; the cockle and *trigonia* have the foot bent, enabling them to make short leaps; the scallop (*paten opercularis*) swims rapidly by opening and shutting its tinted valves. Nearly all the gasteropods creep like the snail, though some are much more active than others; the pond-snails can glide along the surface of the water, shell downwards; the nucleobranchs and pteropods swim in the open sea. The cuttle-fish have a strange mode of walking, head downwards, on their outspread arms; they can also swim with their fins, or with their webbed arms, or by expelling the water forcibly from their branchial chamber; the calamary can even strike the surface of the sea with its tail, and dart into the air like the flying-fish.—(Owen.)

By these means the mollusca have spread themselves over every part of the habitable globe; every region has its tribe; every situation its appropriate species; the land-snails frequent moist places, woods, sunny banks and rocks, climb trees, or burrow in the ground. The air-breathing limneids live in fresh-water, only coming occasionally to the surface; and the auriculas live on the sea-shore, or in salt-marshes. In the sea each zone of depth has its mollusca fauna. The limpet and periwinkle live between tide-marks, where they are left dry twice a day; the *trochis* and *purpura* are found at low water, amongst the sea-weed; the mussel affects muddy shores, the cockle rejoices in extensive sandy flats. Most of the finely-coloured shells of the tropics are found in shallow water, or amongst the breakers. Oyster-banks are usually in four or five fathoms water; scallop-banks at twenty fathoms. The *terebratula* are found at still greater depths, commonly at fifty fathoms, and sometimes at one hundred fathoms, even in Polar seas. The fairy-like pteropods, the oceanic snail, and multitudes of other floating mollusca, pass their lives on the open sea, for ever out of sight of land; whilst the *litiopa* and *scyllum* follow the gulf-weed in its voyages, and feed upon the green delusive banks.

The food of the mollusca is either vegetable, infusorial, or animal. All the land-snails are vegetable-feeders, and their



in abhorrence, and fast or shift their quarters while that crop is on the ground.\* Some, like the "cellar-snail," feed on cryptogamic vegetation, or on decaying leaves; and the slugs are attracted by *fungi*, or any odorous substances. The round-mouthed sea-snails are nearly all vegetarians, and consequently limited to the shore and the shallow waters in which sea-weeds grow. Beyond fifteen fathoms, almost the only vegetable production is the nullipore; but here corals and horny zoophytes take the place of *algæ*, and afford a more nutritious diet.

The whole of the bivalves, and other headless molluscs live on infusoria, or on microscopic plants, brought to them by the current which their ciliary apparatus perpetually excites; such, too, must be the sustenance of the *magilus*, sunk in its coral bed, and of the *calyptræa*, fettered to its birth-place by its calcareous foot.

The carnivorous tribes prey chiefly on other shell-fish, or on zoophytes; since, with the exception of the cuttle-fishes, their organisation scarcely adapts them for pursuing and destroying other classes of animals. One remarkable exception is formed by the *stilifer*, which lives parasitically on the star-fish and sea-urchin; and another by the *testacella*, which preys on the common earth-worm, following it in its burrow, and wearing a buckler, which protects it in the rear.

Most of the siphonated univalves are animal-feeders; the carrion-eating stromb and whelk consume the fishes and other creatures, whose remains are always plentiful on rough and rocky coasts. Many wage war on their own relatives, and take them by assault; the bivalves may close, and the operculated nerite retire into his home, but the enemy, with rasp-like tongue, armed with siliceous teeth, files a hole through the shell,—vain shield where instinct guides the attack! Of the myriads of small shells which the sea heaps up in every sheltered "ness," a large proportion will be found thus bored by the whelks and purples; and in fossil shell-beds, such as that in the Touraine, nearly half the bivalves and sea-snails are perforated.—the relics of antediluvian banquets.

This is on the shore, or on the bed of the sea; far away from land the *carinaria* and *firola* pursue the floating *acalephe*; and the argonaut, with his relative the *spirula*, both carnivorous, are found in the "high seas," in almost every quarter of the globe. The most active and rapacious of all are the calamaries

\* Dilute lime-water and very weak alkaline solutions are more fatal to snails than even salt.

and cuttles, who vindicate their high position in the naturalists' "system," by preying even on fishes.

As the shell-fish are great eaters, so in their turn they afford food to many other creatures; fulfilling the universal law of eating and being eaten. Civilised man still swallows the oyster, although snails are no longer reckoned "a dainty dish;" mussel, cockles, and periwinkles are in great esteem with children and the other unsophisticated classes of society; and so are scallops and the *haliotis*, where they can be obtained. Two kinds of whelk are brought to the London market in great quantities; and the arms of the cuttle-fish are eaten by the Neapolitans, and also by the East Indians and Malays. In seasons of scarcity, vast quantities of shell-fish are consumed by the poor inhabitants of the Scotch and Irish coasts.\* Still more are regularly collected for bait; the calamary is much used in the cod-fishery, off Newfoundland, and the limpet and whelk on our own coasts.

Many wild animals feed on shell-fish; the rat and the raccoon seek for them on the sea-shore when pressed by hunger; the South American otter, and the crab-eating opossum constantly resort to salt-marshes, and the sea, in order to prey on the mollusca; the great whale lives habitually on the small floating pteropods; sea-fowl search for the littoral species at every ebbing tide; whilst, in their own element, the marine kind are perpetually devoured by fishes. The haddock is a "great conchologist;" and some rare northern sea-shells have been rescued, unbroken, from the stomach of the cod; whilst even the strong valves of the *cyprina* are not proof against the teeth of the cat-fish (*anarrhichas*).

They even fall a prey to animals much their inferiors in sagacity; the star-fish swallows the small bivalve entire, and dissolves the animal out of its shell; and the bubble-shell (*philine*), itself predacious, is eaten both by star-fish and sea-anemone (*actinia*).

The land-snails afford food to many birds, especially to the thrush tribe; and to some insects, for the luminous larva of the glow-worm lives on them, and some of the large predacious beetles (e.g., *carabus violaceus* and *gorrius olens*), occasionally

their own nation. Scarcely one-half the shelly tribes graze peacefully on sea-weed, or subsist on the nutrient particles which the sea itself brings to their mouths; the rest browse on living zoophytes, or prey upon the vegetable-feeders.

Yet in no class is the instinct of "self-preservation" stronger, nor the means of defence more adequate; their shells seem expressly given to compensate for the slowness of their movement, and the dimness of their senses. The cuttle-fish escapes from attack by swimming backwards and beclouding the water with an inky discharge; and the sea-hare (*aplysia*) pours out, when irritated, a copious purple fluid, formerly held to be poisonous. Others rely on passive resistance, or on concealment, for their safety. It has been frequently remarked that molluscs resemble the hue and appearance of the situation they frequent; thus, the limpet is commonly overgrown with *balani* and sea-weed, and the ascidian with zoophytes, which form an effectual disguise; the *lima* and *modiola* spin together a screen of grotto-work. One ascidian (*a. cochliqera*) coats itself with shell-sand, and the carrier-trochus cements shells and corals to the margin of its habitation, or so loads it with pebbles, that it looks like a little heap of stones.

It must be confessed that the instincts of the shell-fish are of a low order, being almost limited to self-preservation, the escape from danger, and the choice of food. An instance of something like social feeling has been observed in a Roman snail (*helix pomatia*), who, after escaping from a garden, returned to it in quest of his fellow-prisoner;—but the accomplished naturalist who witnessed the circumstance hesitated to record a thing so unexampled. The limpet, too, we learn from the observations of Mr. George Roberts, of Lyme Regis, is fond of home, or at least possesses a knowledge of topography, and returns to the same roost after an excursion with each tide. Professor Forbes has immortalised the sagacity of the razor-fish, who submits to be salted in his hole, rather than expose himself to be caught, after finding that the enemy is lying in wait for him. On the other hand, Mr. Bowerbank has a curious example of "instinct at fault," in the fossil spine of a sea-urchin, which appears to have been drilled by a carnivorous gasteropod.

We have spoken of shell-fish as articles of food but they have other uses, even to man; they are the toys of children, who hear in them the roaring of the sea; they are the pride of "collectors"—whose wealth is in a cone or "wentle-trap;" \*

\* The extravagant prices that have been given for rare shells are less to be regretted.

and they are the ornaments of barbarous tribes. The Friendly-Islander wears the orange-cowry as a mark of chieftainship (*Stutchbury*), and the New Zealander polishes the *elenchus* into an ornament more brilliant than the "pearl ear-drop" of classical or modern times. (*Clarke*.) One of the most beautiful substances in nature is the shell-opal, formed of the remains of the ammonite. The forms and colours of shells (as of all other natural objects), answer some particular purpose, or obey some general law; but besides this, there is much that seems specially intended for our study, and calculated to call forth enlightened admiration. Thus the tints of many shells are concealed during life by a dull external coat, and the pearly halls of the nautilus are seen by no other eyes than ours. Or descending to mere "utility," how many tracts of coast are destitute of limestone, but abound in shell-banks which may be burned into lime; or in shell-sand, for the use of farmers.\*

Not much is known respecting the individual duration of the shell-fish, though their length of life must be very variable. Many of the aquatic species are annuals, fulfilling the cycle of their existence in a single year; whole races are entombed in the wintry tide of mud that grows from year to year in the beds of rivers, and lakes, and seas; thus, in the Wealden clay we find layer above layer of small river-snails, alternating with thin strata of sediment, the index of immeasurably distant years. Dredgers find that whilst the adults of some shell-fish can be taken at all seasons, others can be obtained late in the autumn or winter only; those caught in spring and summer being young, or half-grown; and it is a common remark that *dead* shells (of some species) can be obtained of a larger size than any that we find alive, because they obtain their full growth at a season when our researches are suspended. Some species require part of two years for their full development; the young of the *doris* and *colis* are born in the summer time, in the warm shallows, near the shore; on the approach of

because they have induced voyagers to collect. Mere shell-collecting, however, is no more scientific than pigeon-fancying, or the study of old china. For educational purposes the best shells are the *types* of genera, or species which illustrate particular points of structure, and, fortunately for students, the prices have been much diminished

winter they retire to deeper water, and in the following spring return to the tidal rocks, attain their full growth early in the summer, and after spawning-time disappear.

The land-snails are mostly biennial; hatched in the summer and autumn, they are half-grown by the winter time, and acquire their full growth in the following spring or summer. In confinement, a garden-snail will live for six or eight years; but in their natural state it is probable that a great many die in their second winter, for clusters of empty shells may be found, adhering to one another, under ivied walls, and in other sheltered situations; the animals having perished in their hybernation. Some of the spiral sea-shells live a great many years, and tell their age in a very plain and interesting manner, by the number of fringes (*varices*) on their whorls; the contour of the *vanella* and *murex* depends on the regular recurrence of these ornaments which occur after the same intervals in well-fed individuals, as in their less fortunate kindred. The ammonites appear by their *varices*, or periodic mouths (Pl. III., fig. 3), to have lived and continued growing for many years.

Many of the bivalves, like the mussel and cockle, attain their full growth in a year. The oyster continues enlarging his shell by annual "shoots," for four or five years, and then ceases to grow outwards; but very aged specimens may be found, especially in a fossil state, with shells an inch or two in thickness. The giant-clam (*tridacna*), which attains so large a size that poets and sculptors have made it the cradle of the sea-goddess, must enjoy an unusual longevity; living in the sheltered lagoons of coral islands, and not discursive in its habits, the corals grow up around until it is often nearly buried by them; but although there seems to be no limit to its life (though it may live a century for all that we know), yet the time will probably come when it will be overgrown by its neighbours, or choked with sediment.

The fresh-water molluscs of cold climates bury themselves during winter in the mud of ponds and rivers; and the land-snails hide themselves in the ground, or beneath moss and dead leaves. In warm climates they become torpid during the hottest and driest part of the year.


Those genera and species which are most subject to this "summer sleep" are remarkable for their tenacity of life; and numerous instances have been recorded of their importation from distant countries in a living state. In June, 1850, a living pond-mussel was sent to Mr. Gray from Australia, which



had been more than a year out of water.\* The pond-snails (*ampullariæ*) have been found alive in logs of mahogany from Honduras (Mr. Pickering); and M. Caillaud carried some from Egypt to Paris packed in saw-dust. Indeed, it is not easy to ascertain the limit of their endurance; for Mr. Laidlay having placed a number in a drawer for this purpose, found them alive after *five years*, although in the warm climate of Calcutta. The *cyclostomas*, which are also operculated, are well known to survive imprisonments of many months; but in the ordinary land-snails such cases are more remarkable. Some of the large tropical *bulims*, brought by Lieutenant Graves from Valparaiso, revived after being packed, some for thirteen, others for twenty months. In 1849 Mr. Pickering received from Mr. Wollaston a basket-full of Madeira snails (of twenty or thirty different species), three-fourths of which proved to be alive after several months' confinement, including a sea voyage. Mr. Wollaston has himself told us that specimens of two Madeira snails (*Aelis papilio* and *tectiformis*) survived a fast and imprisonment in pill-boxes of two years and a half, and that a large number of the small *helix turricula*, brought to England at the same time, were *all* living after having been enclosed in a dry bag for a year and a half.

But the most interesting example of resuscitation occurred to a specimen of the Desert snail, from Egypt, chronicled by Dr. Baird.† This individual was fixed to a tablet in the British Museum on the 25th of March, 1846; and on the 7th of March, 1850, it was observed that he must have come out of his shell in the interval (as the paper had been discoloured, apparently in his attempt to get away); but finding escape impossible, had again retired, closing his aperture with the usual glistening film; this led to his immersion in tepid water and marvellous recovery. Advantage was taken of this circumstance for making a sketch of the living animal (Fig. 2).

The permanency of the shell-bearing races is effectually provided for by their extreme fecundity; and though exposed to a hundred dangers in their early life enough survive to re-people the land and sea abundantly. The spawn of a single *doris* may contain 600,000 eggs (Darwin); a river-mussel has been esti-



Lastly, the *mollusca* exhibit the same instinctive care with insects and the higher animals in placing their eggs in situations where they will be safe from injury, or open to the influences of air and heat, or surrounded by the food which the young will require. The tropical *bulimi* cement leaves together to protect and conceal their large bird-like eggs; the slugs bury theirs in the ground; the oceanic-snail attaches them to a floating raft; and the argonaut carries them in her frail boat.

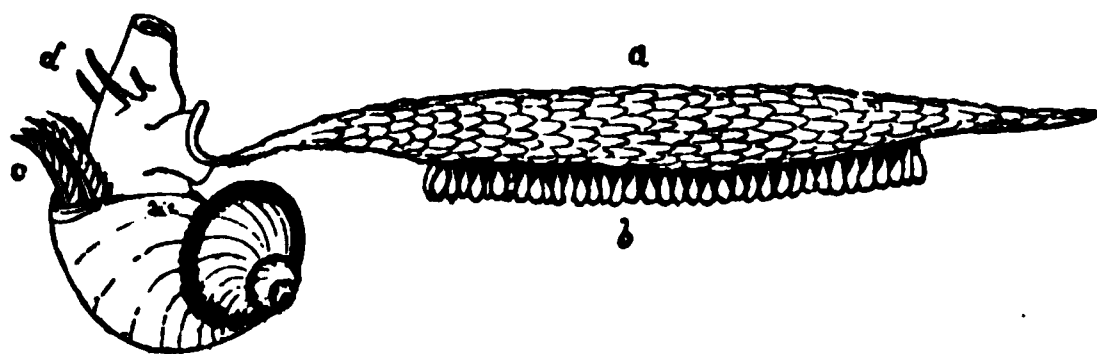


Fig. 9. *Ianthina* with its raft.

The horny capsules of the whelk are clustered in groups, with spaces pervading the interior for the free passage of sea water; and the nidamental ribbon of the *doris* and *colis* is attached to a rock or some solid surface from which it will not be detached by the waves. The river-mussel and *cyclas* carry their parental care still further, and nurse their young in their own mantle, or in a special *marsupium*, designed like that of the opossum, to protect them until they are strong enough to shift for themselves.

If any one imbued with the spirit of Paley or Chateaubriand, should study these phenomena, he might discover more than the "barren facts" which alone appear without significance to the unspiritual eye; he would see at every step fresh proofs of the wisdom and goodness of God, who thus manifests His greatness by displaying the same care for the maintenance of His feeblest creatures as for the well-being of man and the stability of the world.

## STRUCTURE AND PHYSIOLOGY OF THE MOLLUSCA.

Molluscous animals possess a distinct nervous system, instruments appropriated to the five senses, and muscles by which they execute a variety of movements. They have organs, by which food is procured and digested; a heart, with arteries and veins, through which their colourless fluids circulate; a

breathing-organ; and, in most instances, a protecting shell. They produce eggs, and the young generally pass through one preparatory, or larval, stage.

*The nervous system*, upon which sensation and the exercise of muscular motion depend, consists of a brain or principal centre, and of various nerves possessing distinct properties: the *optic* nerves are only sensible of light and colours; the *auditory* nerves convey impressions of sound; the *olfactory*, of odours; the *gustatory*, of flavours; whilst the nerves of touch or feeling are widely diffused, and indicate in a more general way the presence of external objects. The nerves by which motion is produced are distinct from these, but so accompany them as to appear like parts of the same cords. Both kinds of nerves cease to act when their connection with the centre is interrupted or destroyed. There is reason to believe that most of the movements of the lower animals result from the reflection of external stimulants (like the process of *breathing* in man), without the intervention of the will.\*

In the *mollusca*, the principal part of the nervous system is a ring surrounding the throat (*œsophagus*), and giving off nerves to different parts of the body. The points from which the nerves radiate are enlargements termed centres (*ganglia*), those on the sides and upper part of the ring represent the brain, and supply nerves to the eyes, tentacles, and mouth; other centres, connected with the lower side of the œsophageal ring, send nerves to the foot, viscera, and respiratory organ. In the bivalves the branchial centre is the most conspicuous, and is situated on the posterior adductor muscle. In the tunicaries the corresponding nervous centre may be seen between the two orifices in the muscular tunic. This scattered condition of the nervous centres is eminently characteristic of the entire sub-kingdom.

*Organs of special sense.*—*Sight.* The eyes are two in number, placed on the front or sides of the head; sometimes they are *sessile*, in others stalked, or placed on long pedicels (*ommatophora*). The eyes of the cuttle-fishes resemble those of fishes in their large size and complicated structure. Each consists of a strong fibrous globe (*sclerotic*) transparent in front (*cornea*) with the

simple structure, and perhaps only possesses sensibility of light without the power of distinct vision. The larval bivalves have also a pair of eyes in the normal position (Fig. 30) near the mouth; but their development is not continued, and the adults are either eyeless, or possess merely rudimentary organs of vision, in the form of black dots (*ocelli*) along the margin of the mantle.\* These supposed eyes have been detected in a great

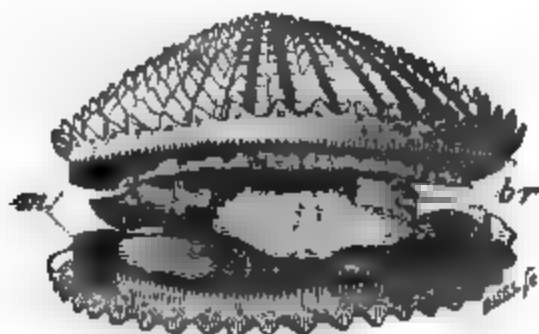


Fig. 10. *Pecten varius*.†

many bivalves, but they are most conspicuous in the scallop, which has received the name of *argus* from Poli on this account (Fig. 10).

In the tunicaries similar *ocelli* are placed between the tentacles which surround the orifices.

*Sense of Hearing.* In the highest cephalopods, this organ consists of two cavities in the rudimentary cranium which protects the brain; a small calcareous body or *otolithe* is suspended



Fig. 11. Tentacle of a Nudibranch.‡

in each, as in the vestibular cavities of fishes. Similar auditory capsules occur near the base of the tentacles in the *gasteropoda*, and they have been detected, by the vibration of the otolithes, in many bivalves and brachiopods. With the exception of

\* "Each possesses a cornea, lens, choroid, and nerve; they are, without doubt, organs of vision." (*Garner*.) The same conclusion is arrived at by *Duvernoy* in a paper in the *Annales des Sciences Naturelles* for 1852.

† *Pecten varius*, L., from a specimen dredged by Mr. Bowerbank, off Tenby; m, the pallial curtains; br, the branchia.

‡ Fig. 11. Tentacle of *Eolis coronata*, Forbes, from Alder and Hancock.

*tritonia* and *colis*, none of the mollusca have been observed to emit sounds. (Grant.)

*Sense of Smell.* This faculty is evidently possessed by the cuttle-fishes and gasteropods; snails discriminate their food by it, slugs are attracted by offensive odours, and many of the marine *zoophaga* may be taken with animal baits. In the pearly nautilus there is a hollow plicated process beneath each eye, which M. Valenciennes regards as the organ of smell.\* Messrs. Hancock and Embleton attribute the same function to the lamellated tentacles of the nudibranchs, and compare them with the olfactory organs of fishes.

The labial tentacles of the bivalves are considered to be organs for discriminating food, but in what way is unknown (Fig. 18, *l, t*). The *sense of taste* is also indicated rather by the habits of the animals and their choice of food than by the structure of a special organ. The *acephala* appear to exercise little discrimination in selecting food, and swallow anything that is small enough to enter their mouths, including living animalcules, and even the sharp *spicula* of sponges. In some instances, however, the oral orifice is well guarded, as in *pecten* (Fig. 10). In the *Encephala* the tongue is armed with spines, employed in the comminution of the food, and cannot possess a very delicate sense. The more ordinary and diffused *sense of*



Fig. 12. *Lepton squamosum*.†

*touch* is possessed by all the mollusca; it is exercised by the skin, which is everywhere soft and lubricous, and in a higher degree by the fringes of the bivalves (Fig. 12), and by the filaments and tentacles (*vibracula*) of the gasteropods; the eye-pedicels of the snail are evidently

endowed with great sensitiveness in this respect. That shell-fish are not very sensible of pain, we may well believe, on account of their tenacity of life, and the extent to which they have the power of reproducing lost parts.

*Muscular System.* The muscles of the mollusca are principally connected with the skin, which is exceedingly contractile in every part. The snail affords a remarkable though familiar

inversion of a glove-finger; the branching gills of some of the sea-slugs, and the tentacles of the cuttle-fishes are also eminently contractile.\*

The inner tunic of the *ascidians* (Fig. 8, *t*) presents a beautiful example of muscular tissue, the crossing fibres having much the appearance of basket-work; in the transparent *salpians*, these fibres are grouped in flat bands, and arranged in characteristic patterns. In this class (*tunicata*) they act only as *sphincters* (or circular muscles), and by their sudden contraction expel the water from the branchial cavity. The muscular foot of the bivalves is extremely flexible, having layers of circular fibres for its protrusion (Fig. 18, *f*), and longitudinal bands for its retraction (Fig. 30 \*); its structure and mobility has been compared to that of the human tongue.

In the burrowing shell-fish (such as *solen*), it is very large and powerful, and in the boring species, its surface is studded with siliceous particles (*spicula*), which renders it a very efficient instrument for the enlargement of their cells. (*Hancock*). In the attached bivalves it



Fig. 13. *Dreissena*.†

is not developed, or exists only in a rudimentary state, and is subsidiary to a gland which secretes the material of those threads with which the mussel and *pinna* attach themselves (Fig. 13). These threads are termed the *byssus*; the plug of the *anomia* and the pedicel of *terebratula* are modifications of the *byssus*.

In the cuttle-fishes alone we find muscles attached to internal cartilages which represent the bones of *vertebrate* animals; the muscles of the arms are inserted in a cranial cartilage, and those of the fins in the lateral cartilages.

Muscles of a third kind are attached to the shell. The valves of the oyster (and other *mono-myaries*) are connected by a single muscle; those of the *cytherea* (and other *di-myaries*), by two; the contraction of which brings the valves together. They are hence named *adductors*; and the part of the shell

\* The muscular fibres of molluscs frequently present the transverse stripes which characterise *voluntary* muscles in the higher animals. Striped muscular fibre has been observed in *Salpa* (*Huxley*); and in *Waldheimia australis* by Hancock; a strict search was made by that able anatomist for the purpose of discovering such fibre amongst the hingeless brachiopods, but without success. Striped fibres have been seen in the gasteropods.

† Fig. 13. *Dreissena polymorpha* (Pallas sp.), from the Surrey timber-dock. *f*, foot; *b*, byssus.

to which they are attached is always indicated by scars (Fig. 14, *a*, *a'*).

The border of the mantle is also muscular, and the place of its attachment is marked in the shell by a line called the *pallial impression* (*p*); the presence of a bay, or *sinus* (*s*), in this line, shows that the animal had retractile siphons; the foot of the animal is withdrawn by *retractor* muscles also attached to the

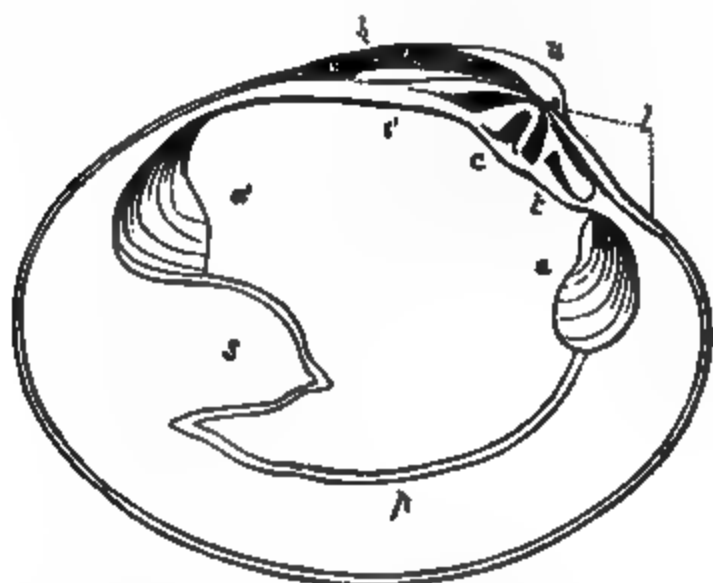
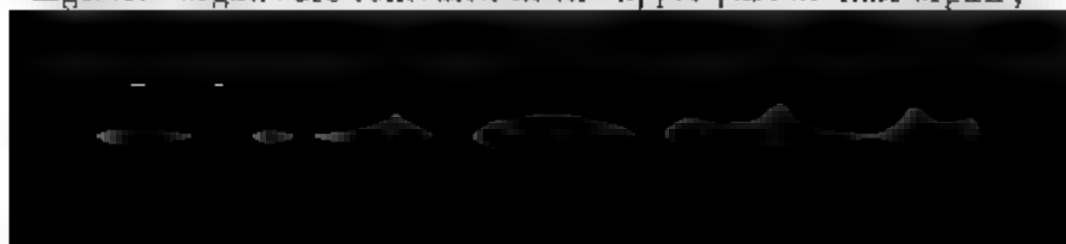


Fig. 14. Left valve of *Cytherea chione*."

shell, and leaving small scars near those of the adductors (Fig 30°).

The gasteropods withdraw into their shells when alarmed, by a shell-muscle, which passes into the foot, or is attached to the *operculum*; its impression is horse-shoe-shaped in the limpet, as also in *navicella*, *concholepas*, and the *nautilus*; it becomes deeper with age. In the spiral univalves, the scar is less conspicuous, being situated on the *columella*, and sometimes divided, forming two spots. It corresponds to the posterior *retractors* in the bivalves.

*Digestive System.* This part of the animal economy is all-important in the *radiate* classes, and scarcely of less consequence in the *mollusca*. In those bivalves, which have a large foot, the digestive organs are concealed in the upper part of that organ;



*palpi*, which look like-accessory gills (Fig. 18, l, t). The ciliated arms of the brachiopods occupy a similar position (Figs. 4, 5, 6). The encephalous mollusca are frequently armed with horny jaws, working vertically like the mandibles of a bird; in the land-snails, the upper jaw is opposed only by the denticulated tongue, whilst the limneids have two additional horny jaws, acting laterally. The tongue is muscular and armed with recurved spines (or *lingual teeth*), arranged in a great variety of patterns, which are eminently characteristic of the genera.\* Their teeth are amber-coloured, glossy, and translucent; and being siliceous (they are insoluble in acid), they can be used like a file for the abrasion of very hard substances. With them the limpet rasps the stony nullipore, the whelk bores holes in other shells, and the cuttle-fish doubtless uses its tongue in the same manner as the cat. The tongue, or lingual ribbon, usually forms a triple band, of which the central part is called the *rachis*, and the lateral tracts *pleuræ*, the rachidian teeth sometimes form a single series, overlapping

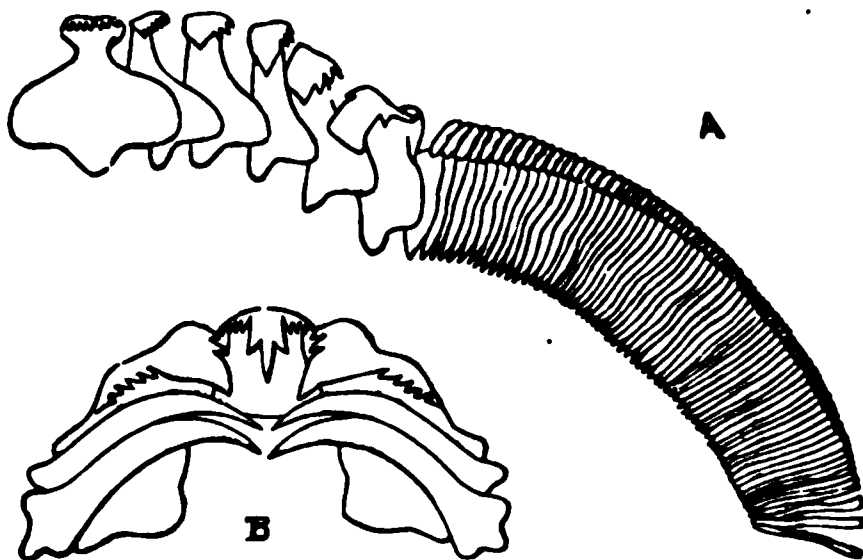


Fig. 15. Lingual Teeth of Mollusca.

each other, or there are lateral teeth on each side of a median series. The teeth on the *pleuræ* are termed *uncini*; they are extremely numerous in the plant-eating gasteropods (Fig. 15, A).†

Sometimes the tongue forms a short semicircular ridge, con-

\* The preparation of the lingual ribbon as a permanent microscopic object, requires some nicety of manipulation, but the arrangement of the teeth may be seen by merely compressing part of the animal between two pieces of glass.

† Fig. 15. A, lingual teeth of *trochus cinerarius* (after Lovén). Only the median tooth, and the (5) lateral teeth, and (90) *uncini* of one side of a single row are represented. B, one row of the lingual teeth of *cypræa europæa*; consisting of a median tooth and three *uncini* on each side of it.



tained between the jaws; at others, it is extremely elongated, and its folds extend backwards to the stomach. The lingual ribbon of the limpet is longer than the whole animal; the tongue of the whelk has 100 rows of teeth; and the great slug has 160 rows, with 180 teeth in each row.

The front of the tongue is frequently curved, or bent quite over; it is the part of the instrument in use, and its teeth are often broken or blunted. The posterior part of the lingual



Fig. 16. Tongue of the Whelk.\*

ribbon usually has its margins rolled together and united, forming a tube, which is presumed to open gradually. The new teeth are developed from behind forwards, and are brought successively into use, as in the sharks and rays amongst fishes. In the *bullidæ* the *rachis* of the tongue is unarmed, and the business of comminuting the food is transferred to an organ which resembles the gizzard of a fowl, and is often paved with

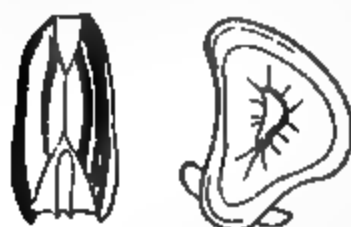


Fig. 17. Gizzard of *Bulla*.†

calcareous plates, so large and strong as to crush the small shell-fish which are swallowed entire. In the *aplysia*, which is a vegetable-feeder, the gizzard is armed with numerous small plates and spines. The stomach of some bivalves contains an instrument called the "crystalline stylet," which is conjectured to have a similar use. In the cephalopods there is a crop in which the food may accumulate, as well as a gizzard for its trituration.

The liver is always large in the mollusca (Fig. 10); its secretion is derived from arterial blood, and is poured either into the stomach or the commencement of the intestine. In the nudi-

branches, whose stomachs are often remarkably branched, the liver accompanies all the gastric ramifications, and even enters the respiratory papillæ on the backs of the eolids. The existence of a *renal* organ has been ascertained in most classes; in the bivalves it was detected by the presence of uric acid. The intestine is more convoluted in the herbivorous than in the carnivorous tribes: in the bivalves and in *haliotis* it passes through the ventricle of the heart; its termination is always near the respiratory aperture (or the excurrent orifice, where there are two\*), and the excrements are carried away by the water which has already passed over the gills.

Besides the organs already mentioned, the encephalous molluscs are always furnished with well-developed *salivary glands*, and some have a rudimentary *pancreas*; many have also special glands for the secretion of coloured fluids, such as the purple of the *murex*, the violet liquid of *ianthina* and *aplysia*, the yellow of the *bullidæ*, the milky fluid of *eolis* and the inky secretion of the cuttle-fishes. The gland that secretes this fluid is situated on the mantle. It consists of a thin layer of elongated cells, and is to be found in most gasteropods. The fluid produced appears to have different properties in different species. Thus in *aplysia* and some snails it possesses colour at the moment of being secreted; but in others it is colourless, as, for instance, in *turbo littoralis* and *trochus cinerarius*. In *murex* and *purpura* also it is colourless when secreted; but on being exposed to the sun it becomes first yellowish and ultimately violet, after having passed through various intermediate tints formed by the mixture of yellow, blue, and red. According to M. Lacaze Duthiers it is probable that the Romans obtained their purple dye from three or four species of mollusc, such as *murex trunculus*, and *brandaris*, and *purpura hæmastoma*. A few molluscs exhale peculiar odours, like the garlic-snail (*helix alliaria*) and *eledone moschata*. Many are phosphorescent, especially the floating tunicaries (*salpa* and *pyrosoma*), and bivalves which inhabit holes (*pholadidæ*). Some of the cuttle-fishes are slightly luminous; and one land-slug, the *phosphorax*, takes its name from the same property.

*Circulating system.* The *mollusca* have no distinct absorbent system, but the product of digestion (*chyle*) passes into the general abdominal cavity, and thence into the larger veins;

\* In most of the gasteropods the intestine returns upon itself, and terminates on the right side, near the head. Occasionally it ends in a perforation more or less removed from the margin of the aperture, as in *trochotoma*, *fissurella*, *macrochisma*, and *dentalium*. In *chiton* the intestine is straight, and terminates posteriorly.

which are perforated with numerous round apertures. The circulating organs are the heart, arteries, and veins; the blood is colourless, or pale bluish white. The *heart* consists of an *auricle* (sometimes divided into two), which receives the blood from the gills; and a muscular *ventricle* which propels it into the arteries of the body. From the capillary extremities of the arteries it collects again into the veins, circulates a second time through the respiratory organ, and returns to the heart as arterial blood. Besides this *systemic* heart, the circulation is aided by two additional *branchial* hearts in the cuttle-fishes. Mr. Alder has counted from 60 to 80 pulsations per minute in the nudibranchs, and 120 per minute in a *vitrina*. Both the arteries and veins form occasionally wide spaces, or *sinuses*; in the cuttle-fishes the œsophagus is partly or entirely surrounded by a venous *sinus*; and in the *acephala* the visceral cavity itself forms part of the circulating system.

*Aquiferous system.* Recent anatomical researches by Messrs. Hancock, Rolleston, Robertson, Williams, and others have thrown considerable doubt upon the existence of any aquiferous system in the mollusca. There are certainly a number of pores which open to the external water; these are situated either in the centre of the creeping disc, as in *cypræa*, *conus*, and *ancillaria*; or at its margin, as in *haliotis*, *doris*, and *aplysia*. In the cuttle-fishes they are variously placed, on the sides of the head, or at the bases of the arms; some of them conduct to the large sub-orbital pouches, into which the tentacles are retracted. According to Messrs. Rolleston and Robertson\* there is no connection between the blood vascular and the aquiferous systems; and the foot in the lamellibranchiates is distended by means of the aquiferous canals, which they regard as a rudimentary kidney. Agassiz and Lacaze Duthiers, on the other hand, assert that there is a connection between the two systems. The proof relied on by the former observers was that when a coloured injection was forced in through a vein, and an injection of a different colour was sent into the aquiferous canals, two coloured systems of ramification were formed, which the microscope showed to be distinct up to the furthest extremities. Agassiz also used a coloured injection; he states that when it was injected through the large pore in the pedal surface of some species of *pyrula*, not only was the system of canals in the foot filled, but also the whole of the circulatory system. He also states that when a *mactra* is taken out of the water it discharges a quantity of fluid from the foot, which consists of salt water, in which floats

\* *Philosophical Transactions*, 1862.

a large number of blood corpuscles. This he regards as a proof of the mixture of blood and sea water within the body of the animal.

*Respiratory system.* The respiratory process consists in the exposure of the blood to the influence of air, or water containing air; during which oxygen is absorbed and carbonic acid liberated. It is a process essential to animal life, and is never entirely suspended, even during hybernation. Those air-breathers that inhabit water are obliged to visit the surface frequently; and stale water is so inimical to the water-breathers, that they soon attempt to escape from the confinement of a glass or basin, unless the water is frequently renewed. In general, fresh water is immediately fatal to marine species, and salt water to those which properly inhabit fresh; but there are some which affect brackish water, and many which endure it to a limited extent. The depth at which shell-fish live is probably influenced by the quantity of oxygen which they require; the most active and energetic races live only in shallow water, or near the surface; those found in very deep water are the lowest in their instincts, and are specially organised for their situation. Some water-breathers require only moist sea air, and a bi-diurnal visit from the tide—like the periwinkle, limpet, and *littia*; whilst many air-breathers live entirely in the water or in damp places by the water-side. In fact, the nature of the respiratory process is the same, whether it be aquatic or aerial, and it is essential in each case that the surface of the breathing-organ should be preserved moist. The process is more complete in proportion to the extent and minute subdivision of the vessels, in which the circulating fluid is exposed to the revivifying influence.

The land-snails (*pulmonifera*) have a lung or air-chamber, formed by the folding of the mantle, over the interior of which the pulmonary vessels are distributed; this chamber has a

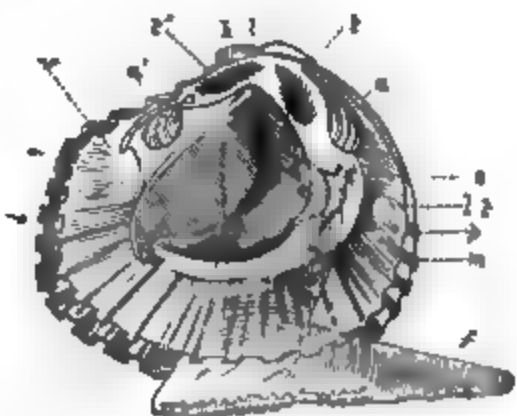


Fig. 13. *Trigonostoma pectinata*.\*

\* *Trigonostoma pectinata*, Lam. (original). Brought from Australia by the late Captain Owen Stanley. The gills are seen in the centre through the transparent mantle. a, mouth; l l, labial tentacles; f, foot; v, vent.

round orifice, on the right side of the animal, which opens and closes at irregular intervals. The air in this cavity seems to renew itself with sufficient rapidity (by the law of diffusion), without any special mechanism.

In the aquatic shell-fish respiration is performed by the mantle, or by a portion of it specialised, and forming a gill (*branchia*). It is affected by the arms in all the *brachiopoda*, while the mantle serves as an auxiliary. In the ordinary bivalves the gills form two membranous plates on each side of the body; the muscular mantle is still sometimes united, forming a chamber with two orifices, into one of which the water flows, whilst it escapes from the other; there is a third opening in front for the foot, but this in no wise influences the branchial circulation. Sometimes the orifices are drawn out into long tubes or *siphons*, especially in those shell-fish which burrow in sand (Figs. 19 and 7).



Fig. 19. Bivalve with long siphons.\*

Those bivalves which have no siphons, and even those in which the mantle is divided into two lobes, are provided with valves or folds which render the respiratory channels just as complete in effect. These currents are not in any way connected with the opening and closing of the valves, which is only done in moving, or in efforts to expel irritating particles.†

In some of the *gasteropoda* the respiratory organs form tufts, exposed on the back and sides (as in the *nudibranchs*), or protected by a fold of the mantle (as in the *inferobranchs* and *tectibranchs* of Cuvier).‡ But in most the mantle is inflected,

\* Fig. 19. *Psammobia vespertina*, Chemm. after Poll, reduced one-half. The arrows indicate the direction of the current; *r s*, respiratory siphon; *e s*, excurrent siphon; *f*, foot.

† If a river-mussel be placed in a glass of water, and fine sand let fall gently over its respiratory orifices, the particles will be seen to rebound from the vicinity of the

and forms a vaulted chamber over the back of the neck, in which are contained the pectinated or plume-like gills (Fig. 68). In the carnivorous gasteropods (*siphonostomata*) the water passes into this chamber through a *siphon*, formed by a prolongation of the upper margin of the mantle, and protected by the *canal* of the shell; after traversing the length of the gill, it returns and escapes through a posterior siphon, generally less developed, but very long in *ovulum volva*, and forming a tubular spine in *typhis*.

In the plant-eating sea-snails (*holostomata*) there is no true siphon, but one of the "neck-lappets" is sometimes curled up and performs the same office, as in *paludina* and *ampullaria* (Fig. 109). The in-coming and out-going currents in the branchial chamber are kept apart by a valve-like fringe, continued from the neck-lappet. The out-current is still more effectually isolated in *fissurella*, *haliotis*, and *dentalium*, where it escapes by a hole in the shell, far removed from the point at which it entered. Near this outlet are the anal, renal, and generative orifices.

The cephalopods have two or four plume-like gills, symmetrically placed in a branchial chamber, situated on the under-side of the body; the opening is in front, and occupied by a *funnel*, which, in the nautilus, closely resembles the siphon of the *paludina*, but has its edges united in the cuttle-fishes. The free edge of the mantle is so adapted that it allows the water to enter the branchial chamber on each side of the funnel: its muscular walls then contract and force the water through the funnel, an arrangement chiefly subservient to locomotion.\* Mr. Bowerbank has observed that the *eledone* makes twenty respirations per minute when resting quietly in a basin of water.

In most instances, the water on the surface of the gills is changed by ciliary action alone; in the *cephalopods* and *salpians* it is renewed by the alternate expansion and contraction of the respiratory chamber, as in the *vertebrate* animals.

The respiratory system is of the highest importance in the economy of the mollusca, and its modifications afford most valuable characters in classification. It will be observed that the Cuvierian *classes* are based on a variety of particulars, and are very unequal in importance; but the *orders* are characterised by their respiratory conditions, and are of much more nearly equal value.

\* A very efficient means of locomotion in the slender pointed calamaries, which dart backwards with the recoil, like rockets.

	ORDERS.	CLASSES.
ENCEPHALA . . . . .	Dibranchiata. Owen.	CEPHALOPODA.
	Tetrabranchiata. Owen.	
	Nucleobranchiata. Bl.	GASTROPODA.
	Prosobranchiata. M. Edw.	
	Pulmonifera. Cuv.	
	Opisthobranchiata. M. Edw.	
ACEPHALA . . . . .	Aporobranchiata. Bl.	PTEROPODA.
	Pallibranchiata. Bl.	BRACHIOPODA.
	Lamellibranchiata. Bl.	CONCHIFERA.
	Heterobranchiata. Bl.	TUNICATA.

*The Shell.* The relation of the shell to the breathing-organ is very intimate: indeed, it may be regarded as a *pneumo-skeleton*, being essentially a calcified portion of the mantle, of which the breathing-organ is at most a specialised part.\*

The shell is so characteristic of the mollusca that they have been commonly called "testacea" (from *testa*, "a shell") in scientific books; and the popular name of "shell-fish," though not quite accurate, cannot be replaced by any other epithet in common use. In one whole class, however, and in several families, there is nothing that would be popularly recognised as a shell.

Shells are said to be *external* when the animal is contained in them, and *internal* when they are concealed in the mantle; the latter, as well as the shell-less species, being called *naked molluscs*.

Three-fourths of the mollusca are *univalve*, or have but one shell; the others are mostly *bivalve*, or have two shells; the *pholads* have accessory plates, and the shell of *chiton* consists of eight pieces. Most of the *multivalves* of old authors were articulate animals (*cirripedes*), erroneously included with the mollusca, which they resemble only in outward appearance.

All, except the argonaut, acquire a rudimental shell before they are hatched, which becomes the *nucleus* of the adult shell; it is often differently shaped and coloured from the rest of the shell, and hence the *fry* are apt to be mistaken for distinct species from their parents.

In *cymba* (Fig. 20) the nucleus is large and irregular; in

\* In its most reduced form the shell is only a bony cone, or plate, protecting the

*unus antiquus* it is cylindrical; in the *pyramidellidæ* it is oblique; and it is spiral in *carinaria*, *atlanta*, and many limpets, which are symmetrical when adult.

The rudimentary shell of the *nudibranchs* is shed at an early age, and never replaced. In this respect the molluscan shell differs entirely from the shell of the crab and other articulate animals, which is periodically cast off and renewed.

In the bivalves the embryonic shell forms the *umbo* of each valve; it is often very unlike the after-growth, as in *unio pictorum*, *cyclas henslowiana*, and *pecten pusio*. In attached shells, like the oyster and *anomia*, the umbo frequently presents an exact imitation of the surface to which the young shell originally adhered.

Shells are composed of carbonate of lime, with a small proportion of animal matter. The source of this lime is to be looked for in their food. Modern inquiries into organic chemistry have shown that vegetables derive their elements from the mineral kingdom (air, water, and the soil), and animals theirs from the vegetable. The sea-weed filters the salt water, and separates lime as well as organic elements; and lime is one of the most abundant mineral matters in land plants. From this source the *mollusca* obtain lime in abundance, and, indeed, we find frequent instances of shells becoming unnaturally thickened through the superabundance of this earth in their systems. On the other hand, instances occur of thin and delicate-shelled varieties in still, deep water, or on clay bottoms; whilst in those districts which are wholly destitute of lime, like the Lizard in Cornwall, and similar tracts of magnesian-silicate in Asia Minor, there are no mollusca.—(*Forbes*.)

The texture of shells is various and characteristic. Some, when broken, present a dull lustre like marble or china, and are termed *porcellaneous*; others are pearly or *nacreous*; some have a *fibrous* structure; some are *horny*, and others *glassy* and *translucent*.

The *nacreous* shells are formed by alternate layers of very thin membrane and carbonate of lime, but this alone does not

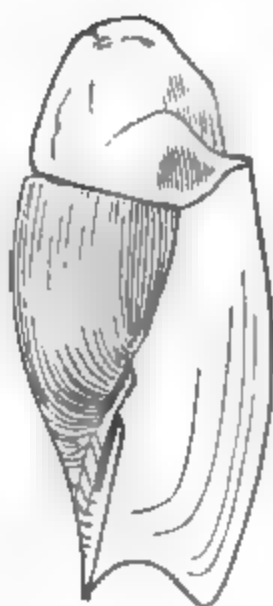


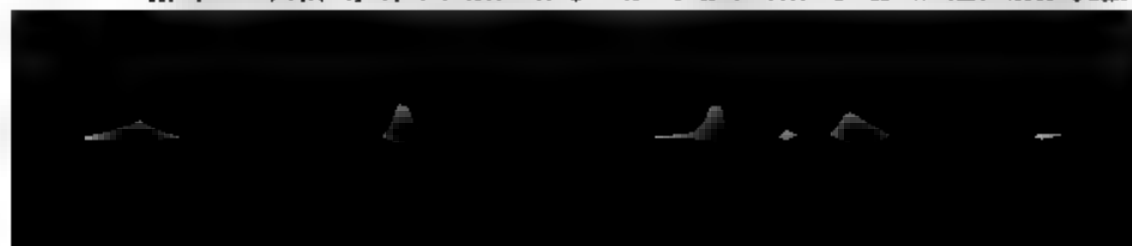
Fig. 20. *Cymba*.\*

\* Fig. 20. *Cymba proboscidealis*, Lam., from a very young specimen in the cabinet of Hugh Cuming, Esq., from Western Africa.



give the pearly lustre, which appears to depend on minute undulations of the layers, represented in Fig. 23. This lustre has been successfully imitated on engraved steel buttons. Nacreous shells, when polished, form "mother of pearl;" when digested in weak acid they leave a membranous residue which retains the original form of the shell. This is the most easily destructible of shell-textures, and in some geological formations we find only casts of the nacreous shells, whilst those of fibrous texture are completely preserved.

*Pearls* are produced by many bivalves, especially by the Oriental pearl-mussel (*avicula margaritifera*), and one of the British river mussels (*unio margaritiferus*). They are also found occasionally in the common oyster, in *anodonta cygnea*, *pinna nobilis*, *mytilus edulis*, or common mussel, and in *spondylus gaderopus*. In these they are generally of a green or rose colour. The pearls found in *arca nox* are violet, and in *anomia cepa* purple. They are similar in structure to the shell, and, like it, consist of three layers; but what is the innermost layer in the shell is placed on the outside in the pearl. The iridescence is due to light falling upon the out-cropping edges of partially transparent corrugated plates. The thinner and more transparent the plates the more beautiful is the iridescent lustre; and this is said to be the reason why sea pearls excel those obtained from fresh-water mollusca. Besides the furrows formed by the corrugated surface there are a number of fine dark lines ( $\frac{1}{100}$  inch apart), which may add to the lustrous effect. In some pearls these lines run from pole to pole like the longitudes on the globe; in others they run in various directions; and in a few the lines on the same pearl have different directions, so that they cross each other. The nucleus frequently consists of a fragment of a brownish-yellow organic substance, which behaves in the same way as epidermis when treated with certain chemical re-agents. Sand is generally said to be the nucleus; but this is simply a conjecture which has gradually become regarded as a fact; it is quite the exception for sand to be the nucleus; as a general rule it is some organic substance. In some districts one kind of nucleus seems to be more common than another: at least this is how the different



rously. The most generally prevalent nucleus appears to be the bodies or eggs of minute internal parasites, such as *filaria*, *distoma*, *bucephalus*, &c.\* Completely spherical pearls can only be formed loose in the muscles, or other soft parts of the animal. The Chinese obtain them artificially by introducing into the living mussel foreign substances, such as pieces of mother-of-pearl fixed to wires, which thus become coated with a more brilliant material.

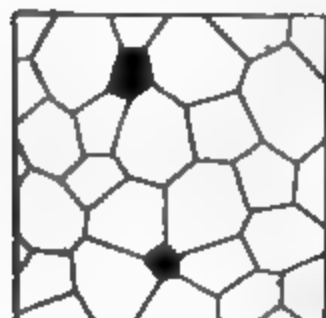
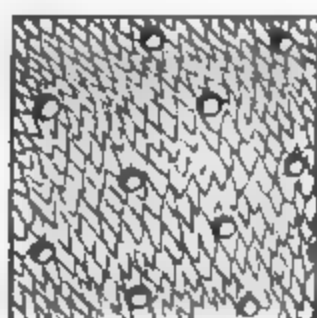
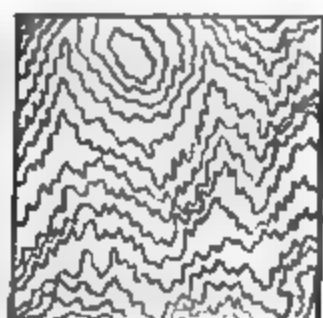
Fig. 21. *Perna*.Fig. 22. *Turbetrula*.

Fig. 23. Pearl.†

Similar prominences and concretions—pearls which are not pearly—are formed inside porcellaneous shells; these are as variable in colour as the surfaces on which they are formed.‡

The fibrous shells consist of successive layers of prismatic cells containing translucent carbonate of lime; and the cells of each successive layer correspond, so that the shell, especially when very thick (as in the fossil *inoceramus* and *trichites*), will break up vertically into fragments, exhibiting on their edges a structure like arragonite, or satin-spar. Horizontal sections exhibit a cellular network, with here and there a dark cell, which is empty (Fig. 21).

The oyster has a laminated structure, owing to the irregular accumulation of the cells in its successive layers, and breaks up into horizontal plates.

In the boring-shells (*pholadidæ*) the carbonate of lime has an atomic arrangement like arragonite, which is considerably harder than calcareous spar; in other cases the difference in hardness depends on the proportion of animal matter and the manner in which the layers are aggregated.§

\* Drs. Möbius and Kelaart, *Annals of Nat. Hist.*, i., 1858, p. 81.

† Figs. 21, 22, 23. Magnified sections of shells, from Dr Carpenter. Fragments of shell ground very thin, and cemented to glass slides with Canada balsam, are easily prepared, and form curious microscopic objects.

‡ They are pink in *turbinellus* and *strombus*, white in *ostrea*; white or glassy, purple or black, in *mytilus*; rose-coloured and translucent in *perna*.—(Gray.)

§ The specific gravity of floating shells (such as *argonauta* and *ionthina*) is lower than that of any others.—(De la Beche.)

In many bivalve shells there occurs a minute *tubular structure*, which is very conspicuous in some sections of pinna and oyster-shell. This tubular structure is frequently occasioned by the growth of a confervoid sponge, hence great care is required in determining whether the perforations are an essential part of the shell.

The *brachiopoda* exhibit a characteristic structure by which the smallest fragment of their shells may be determined; it consists of elongated and curved cells matted together, and often perforated by circular holes, arranged in quincunx order (Fig. 22).

But the most complex shell-structure is presented by the *porcellaneous gasteropoda*. These consist of three strata which readily separate in fossil shells, on account of the removal of their animal cement. In Fig. 24, *a* represents the outer, *b* the middle, and *c* the inner stratum; they may be seen also in Fig. 25. Each of these three strata is composed of very numerous vertical plates, like cards placed on edge; and the direction of the plates is sometimes transverse in the central

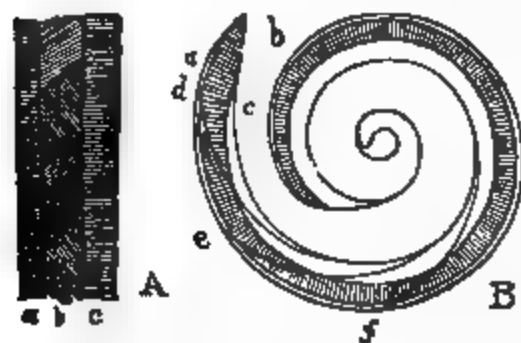


Fig. 24. Sections of a *Conus*.\*

stratum, and lengthwise in the outer and inner (as in *cyprea*, *cassis*, *ampullaria*, and *bulimus*), or longitudinal in the middle layer and transverse in the others (e. g. *conus*, *pyrula*, *oliva*, and *voluta*).

Each *plate*, too, is composed of a series of prismatic cells, arranged obliquely ( $45^{\circ}$ ), and their direction being changed in the successive plates, they cross each other at right angles. Tertiary fossils best exhibit this structure, either at their broken edge, or in polished sections.—(*Bowerbank*.)†

The argonaut-shell and the bone of the cuttle-fish have a peculiar structure; and the *Hippurite* is distinguished by a

\* Sections of *Conus ponderosus*, Brug., from the Miocene of the Touraine. A,

cancellated texture, unlike any other shell, except perhaps some of the *cardiaceæ* and *chamaceæ*.

*Epidermis.* All shells have an outer coat of animal matter called the "epidermis" (or *periostracum*), sometimes thin and transparent, at others thick and opaque. It is thick and olive-coloured in all fresh-water shells and in many *arctic* sea-shells (e. g. *cyprina* and *astarte*); the colours of the land-shells often depend on it; sometimes it is silky as in *helix sericea*, or fringed with hairs as in *trichotropis*; in the whelk and some species of *triton* and *conus* it is thick and rough, like coarse cloth, and in some *modiolas* it is drawn out into long beard-like filaments.

In the cowry and other molluscs with large mantle lobes the epidermis is more or less covered up by an additional layer of shell deposited externally.

The epidermis has life, but not sensation, like the human scarf-skin; and it protects the shell against the influence of the weather and chemical agents; it soon fades or is destroyed after the death of the animal in situations where, whilst living, it would have undergone no change. In the bivalves it is organically connected with the margin of the mantle.

It is most developed in shells which frequent damp situations, amongst decaying leaves, and in fresh-water shells. All fresh waters are more or less saturated with carbonic-acid gas, and in limestone countries hold so much lime in solution as to deposit it in the form of *tufa* on the mussels and other shells.\* But in the absence of lime to neutralise the acid the water acts on the shells, and would dissolve them entirely if it were not for their protecting epidermis. As it is, we can often recognise fresh-water shells by the erosion of those parts where the epidermis was thinnest, namely, the points of the spiral shells and the *umbones* of the bivalves, those being also the parts longest exposed. Specimens of *melanopsis* and *bithynia* become truncated again and again in the course of their growth, until the adults are sometimes only half the length they should be, and the discoidal *planorbis* sometimes becomes perforated by the removal of its inner whorls; in these cases the animal closes the break in its shell with new layers. Some of the unios thicken their umbones enormously, and form a layer of animal matter with each new layer of shell, so that the river action is arrested at a succession of steps.

\* As at Tisbury, in Wiltshire, where remarkable specimens of *anodons* were obtained by the late Miss Benett.

## FORMATION AND GROWTH OF THE SHELL.

The shell, as before stated, is formed by the *mantle*; indeed each layer of it was once a portion of the mantle, either in the form of a simple membrane or as a layer of cells; and each layer was successively calcified (or hardened with carbonate of lime) and thrown off by the mantle to unite with those previously formed. Being extravascular it has no inherent power of repair. —(*Carpenter*.)

The epidermis and cellular structures are formed by the margin (or *collar*) of the mantle; the membranous and nacreous layers, by the thin and transparent portion which contains the viscera; hence we find the pearly texture only as a lining inside the shell, as in the *nautilus*, and all the *aviculidae* or *turbinidae*.

If the margin of a shell is fractured during the lifetime of the animal, the injury will be completely repaired by the reproduction both of the epidermis and of the outer layer of shell with its proper colour. But if the apex is destroyed, or a hole made at a distance from the aperture, it will merely be closed with the material secreted by the visceral mantle. Such inclosures are often made by boring worms and shell, and even by a sponge (*cliona*), which completely mines the most solid shells. In Dr Gray's cabinet is the section of a cone, in whose apex a color



Fig. 25. Section of a Cone perforated by *Lithodomi*.

of *Lithodomi* had settled, compelling the animal to retreat

which corresponds to it, shells cease to grow; and these periodic resting-places are often indicated by interruptions of the otherwise regular lines of growth and colour, or by still more obvious signs. It is probable that this pause, or cessation from growth, extends into the breeding season; otherwise there would be two periods of growth and two of rest in each year. In many shells the growth is uniform; but in others each stage is finished by the development of a fringe, or ridge (*varix*), or of a row of spines, as in *tridacna* and *murex*.—(Owen, Grant.)

*Adult characters.* The attainment of the full growth proper to each species is usually marked by changes in the shell.

Some bivalves, like the oyster and *gryphæa* (Fig. 26), continue to increase in thickness long after they have ceased to grow outwards; the greatest addition is made to the lower valve, especially near the umbo; and in the *spondylus* some parts of the mantle secrete more than others, so that cavities, filled with fluid, are left in the substance of the shell.

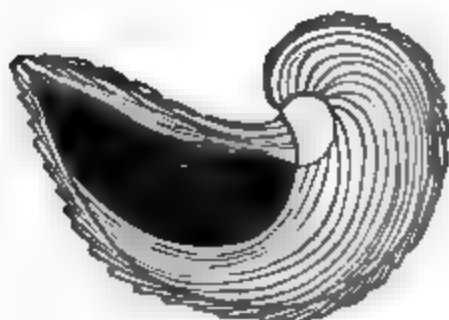


Fig. 26. Section of *gryphæa*.\*

The adult *teredo* and *flatulana* close the end of their burrows; the *pholadidea* fills up the great *pedal* opening of its valves; and the *aspergillum* forms the porous disc from which it takes its name. Sculptured shells, particularly *ammonites*, and species of *rostellaria* and *fusus*, often become plain in the last part of their growth. But the most characteristic change is the thickening and contraction of the aperture in the univalves. The young cowry (Fig. 27) has a thin, sharp lip, which becomes curled inwards, and enormously thickened and toothed in the adult; the *ptero-ceras* (Pl. 4, fig. 3) develops its scorpion-like claws only when full-grown; and the land-snails form a thickened lip, or narrow their aperture with projecting processes, so that it is a marvel how they pass in and out, and how they can exclude their eggs (e.g. Pl. 12, fig. 4, *anastoma*; and Fig. 5, *helix hirsuta*).



Fig. 27. Young Cowry.†

\* Fig. 26. Section of *gryphæa incurva*, Sby Lias, Dorset (original; diminished one-half); the upper valve is not much thickened, the interior is filled with lias.

† *Cypræa testudinaria*, L., young.

Yet at this time they would seem to require more space and accommodation in their houses than before, and there are several curious ways in which this is obtained. The *neritidæ* and *auriculidæ* dissolve all the internal spiral column \* of the shells; the cone (Fig. 24, B) removes all but a paper-like portion of its inner whorls; the cowry goes still further, and continues removing the *internal* layers of its shell-wall, and depositing new layers *externally* with its overlapping mantle (Fig. 93), until, in some cases, all resemblance to the young shell is lost in the adult.

The power which molluscs possess of dissolving portions of their own shells is also exhibited by the *muriceæ* in removing those spines from their whorls which interfere with their growth and by the *purpuræ* and others in wearing away the wall of their aperture. The agency in these cases is supposed to be chemical. Some support is given to this view by the composition of the saliva of *dolium galea* (closely allied to the *purpuræ* which has been examined by Professor Troschel. A chemical analysis showed that it contained a minute proportion only of organic matter, and consisted of 94 per cent. of water, the remainder being almost entirely muriatic and sulphuric acid and the sulphates of magnesia, potash, and soda. The secretion is apparently not used to assist digestion, since minute calcareous shells were found in the stomach uninjured. It is not used for perforating stones; and what its function is remains uncertain. We mention these facts here to show that dilute acids are secreted, which in some cases may be used for dissolving away the shell. The saliva, however, has no effect on the inside of the shell of the *dolium*; indeed, it is said to be unalterable by strong acids. (*Monatsberichte der Academie Berlin*, 1854, p. 486).

*Decollated shells.* It frequently happens that as spiral shells become adult they cease to occupy the upper part of the cavity; the space thus vacated is sometimes filled with solid shell, as in *magilus*; or it is partitioned off, as in *vermetus euomphalus*, *turritella*, and *triton* (Fig. 62). The deserted aperture is sometimes very thin, and becoming dead and brittle, breaks away, leaving the shell truncated or decollated. This happens especially with the *truncatella cylindrella* and *bulimus*

each class ; enough has been said to show that in the molluscan shell (as in the vertebrate skeleton) indications are afforded of many of the leading affinities and structural peculiarities of the animal. It may sometimes be difficult to determine the genus of a shell, especially when its form is very simple ; but this results more from the imperfection of our technicalities and systems than from any want of co-ordination in the animal and its shell.

*Monstrosities.* The whorls of spiral shells are sometimes separated by the interference of foreign substances, which adhere to them when young ; the garden-snail has been found in this condition, and less complete instances are common amongst sea-shells. Discoidal shells occasionally become spiral (as in specimens of *planorbis* found at Rochdale), or irregular in their growth, owing to an unhealthy condition. The discoidal *ammonites* sometimes show a slight tendency to become spiral, and more rarely become unsymmetrical, and have the keel on one side instead of in the middle.

All attached shells are liable to interference in their growth, and malformations consequent on their situation in cavities, or from coming in contact with rocks. The *dreissena polymorpha* distorts the other fresh-water mussels by fastening their valves with its *byssus* ; and *balani* sometimes produce strange protuberances on the back of the cowry, to which they have attached themselves when young.\*

In the miocene tertiaries of Asia Minor, Professor Forbes discovered whole races of *neritina*, *paludina*, and *melanopsis*, with whorls ribbed or keeled, as if through the unhealthy influence of brackish water. The fossil periwinkles of the Norwich Crag are similarly distorted, probably by the access of fresh water ; parallel cases occur at the present day in the Baltic.

*Reversed shells.* Left-handed or reversed varieties of spiral shells have been met with in some of the very common species, like the whelk and garden-snail. *Bulimus citrinus* is as often sinistral as dextral ; and a reversed variety of *fusus antiquus* was more common than the normal form in the *pliocene* sea. Other shells are constantly reversed, as *pyrula perversa*, many species of *pupa*, and the entire genera, *clausilia*, *physa*, and *triforis*. Bivalves less distinctly exhibit variations of this

\* In the British Museum there is a *helix terrestris* (Chemn.) with a small stick passing through it, and projecting from the apex and umbilicus. Mr. Pickering has, in his collection, a *helix hortensis* which got entangled in a nut-shell when young, and growing too large to escape, had to endure the incubus to the end of its days.



kind; but the attached valve of *chama* has its umbo turned to the right or left indifferently; and of two specimens of *lucina childressi* in the British Museum, one has the right, the other the left valve flat.

The colours of shells are usually confined to the surface beneath the epidermis, and are secreted by the border of the mantle, which often exhibits similar tints and patterns (e.g. *volute undulata*, Fig. 89). Occasionally the inner strata of porcelainous shells are differently coloured from the exterior, and the makers of shell-cameos avail themselves of this difference to produce white or rose-coloured figures on a dark ground.\*

The secretion of colour by the mantle depends greatly on the action of light; shallow-water shells are, as a class, warmer and brighter coloured than those from deep water; and bivalves which are habitually fixed or stationary (like *spondylus* and *pecten pleuronectes*) have the upper valve richly tinted, whilst the lower one is colourless. The backs of most spiral shells are darker than the under sides; but in *iamthina* the base of the shell is habitually turned upwards, and is deeply dyed with violet. Some colours are more permanent than others; the red spots on the *naticas* and *nerites* are commonly preserved in tertiary and eolitic fossils, and even in one example (of *n. subcostata*, Schl.) from Devonian limestone. *Terebratula hastata*, and some *pectens* of the carboniferous period, retain their markings; the *orthoceras anguliferus* of the Devonian beds has zig-zag bands of colour; and a *terebratula* of the same age, from Arctic North America, is ornamented with several rows of dark red spots.



Fig. 88. *Trochus naticiformis*.†

The operculum. Most spiral shells have an operculum, or lid, with which to close the aperture when they withdraw for shelter (See GASTEROPODA). It is developed on a particular lobe at the posterior part of the foot,

\* Cameos, in the British Museum, carved on the shell of *cassia cornuta*, are white on an orange ground; on a *tuberosa* and *pygmaea*, white upon dark orange.

and consists of horny layers, sometimes hardened with shelly matter (Fig. 28).

It has been considered by Adanson, and more recently by Dr. Gray, as the equivalent of the dextral valve of the *conchifera*; but however similar in appearance, its anatomical relations are altogether different. In position it represents the *byssus* of the bivalves (Lovén); and in function it is like the plug with which unattached specimens of *byssus-arca* close their aperture. —(Forbes).

*Homologies of the shell.\** The shell is so simple a structure that its modifications present few points for comparison; but even these are not wholly understood, or free from doubt. The *bivalve* shell may be compared to the outer tunic of the *ascidian*, cut open and converted into separable valves. In the *conchifera* this division of the mantle is vertical, and the valves are right and left. In the *brachiopoda* the separation is horizontal, and the valves are dorsal and ventral. The *monomyarian* bivalves lie habitually on one side (like the *pleuronectidæ* among fishes); and their shells, though *really* right and left, are termed “upper” and “lower” valves. The univalve shell is the equivalent of *both* valves of the bivalve. In the *pteropoda* it consists of dorsal and ventral plates, comparable with the valves of *terebratula*. In the *gasteropoda* it is equivalent to both valves of the *conchifera* united above.† The nautilus shell corresponds to that of the gasteropod; but whilst its chambers are shadowed forth in many spiral shells, the *siphuncle* is something additional; and the entire shell of the cuttle-fish and argonaut‡ have no known equivalent or parallel in the other molluscan classes. The student might imagine a resemblance in the shell of the *orthoceras* to a *back-bone*. The *phragmocone* is the representative of the calcareous axis (or *splanchno-skeleton*) of a coral, such as *amplexus* or *siphonophyllia*.

*Temperature and hibernation.* Observations on the *temperature* of the *mollusca* are still wanted; it is known, however, to vary with the medium in which they live, and to be sometimes a degree or two higher or lower than the external temperature;

\* Parts which correspond in their real nature—(their origin and development)—are termed *homologous*; those which agree merely in appearance, or office, are said to be *analogous*.

† Compare *fissurella* or *trochus* (Fig. 28) with *lepton squamosum* (Fig. 12). The disk of *hipponyx* is analogous to the ventral plate of *hyalæa* and *terebratula*.

‡ The argonaut shell is compared by Mr. Adams to the nidamental capsules of the *whelk*; a better analogue would have been found in the *raft* of the *ianthina*, which is secreted by the *foot* of the animal, and serves to float the egg-capsules.

with snails (in cool weather) it is generally a degree or two higher.

The *mollusca* of temperate and cold climates are subject to *hybernation*; during which state the heart ceases to beat, respiration is nearly suspended, and injuries are not healed. They also *æstivate*, or fall into a summer sleep when the heat is great; but in this the animal functions are much less interrupted.—(Müller.)

*Reproduction of lost parts.* It appears from the experiments of Spallanzani, that snails, whose ocular tentacles have been destroyed, reproduce them completely in a few weeks; others have repeated the trial with a like result. But there is some doubt whether the renewal takes place if the brain of the animal be removed as well as its horns. Madame Power has made similar observations upon various marine snails, and has found that portions of the foot, mantle, and tentacles, were renewed. Mr. Hancock states that the species of *colis* are apt to make a meal off each other's *papillæ*, and that, if confined in stale water, they become sickly and lose those organs; in both cases they are quickly renewed under favourable circumstances.

*Viviparous reproduction.* This happens in a few species of gasteropods, through the retention of the eggs in the oviduct, until the young have attained a considerable growth. It also appears to take place in the acephalans, because their eggs generally remain within some part of the shell of the parent until hatched.

*Oviparous reproduction.* The sexes are distinct in the most highly organised (or *diœcious*) mollusca; they are united in the (*monœcious*) land-snails, pteropods, opisthobranchs, and in some of the conchifers. The prosobranchs pair; but in the diœcious acephalans, the *spermatozoa* are merely discharged into the water, and are inhaled with the respiratory currents by the other sex. The monœcious land-snails require reciprocal union; the limneids unite in succession, forming floating chains.

The *eggs* of the land-snails are separate, and protected by a shell, which is sometimes albuminous and flexible, at others calcareous and brittle; those of the fresh-water species are soft, mucous, and transparent. The spawn of the sea snails consists



in tough albuminous capsules, each containing numerous germs; these are deposited singly, or in rows, or agglutinated in groups, equalling the parent animal in bulk (Fig. 83). The nidamental capsules of the cuttle-fish are clustered like grapes, each containing but one embryo; those of the calamary are grouped in radiating masses, each elongated capsule containing 30 or 40 ova. The material with which the eggs are thus cemented together, or enveloped, is secreted by the *nidamental gland*, an organ largely developed in the female gasteropods and cephalopods (Fig. 50, n).

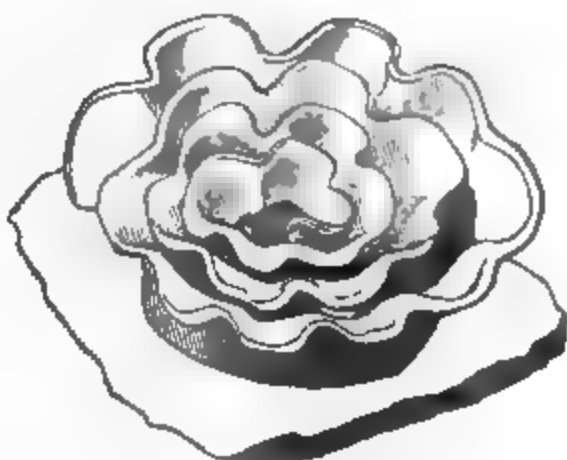


Fig. 29. Spawn of *Doris*.\*

*Development.* The molluscan *ovum* consists of a coloured yolk (*vitellus*), surrounded by albumen. On one side of the yolk is a pellucid spot, termed the *germinal vesicle*, having a spot or *nucleus* on its surface. This germinal vesicle is a nucleated cell, capable of producing other cells like itself; it is the essential part of the egg, from which the *embryo* is formed; but it undergoes no change without the influence of the *spermatozoa*.† After impregnation, the germinal vesicle, which then subsides into the centre of the yolk, divides spontaneously into two; and these again divide and subdivide into smaller and still smaller globules, each with its pellucid centre or nucleus, until the whole presents a uniform granular appearance. The next step is the formation of a ciliated *epithelium* on the surface of the embryonic mass; movements in the albumen become perceptible in the vicinity of the *cilia*, and they increase in strength, until the embryo begins to revolve in the surrounding fluid.‡

\* Nidamental ribbon of *Doris Johnstoni*. (Alder and Hancock.)

† No instance of "partheno-genesis" is known among the *mollusca*; the most "equivocal" case on record is that related by Mr. Gaskoin. A specimen of *Helix lactea*, Mull., from the South of Europe, after being two years in his cabinet, was discovered to be still living; and on being removed to a plant-case it revived, and six weeks afterwards had produced twenty young ones!

‡ According to the observations of Professor Lovén (on certain bivalve mollusca), the ova are excluded immediately after the inhalation of the spermatozoa, and apparently from their influence; but impregnation does not take place within the ovary itself. The spermatozoa of *cardium pygmaeum* were distinctly seen to penetrate in succession the outer envelopes of the ova, and arrive at the vitellus, when they disappeared. With respect to the "germinal vesicle," according to Barry, it first

Up to this point nearly the same appearances are presented by the eggs of all classes of animals,—they manifest, so far as complete "unity of organisation." In the next stage, development of an organ, fringed with stronger cilia, and serving both for locomotion and respiration, shows that the embryo is a *molluscan animal*; and the changes which follow soon point out the particular class to which it belongs. The rudimentary head is early distinguishable by the black eye-specks; and the heart by its pulsations. The digestive and other organs are first "sketched out," then become more distinct, and are at last to be covered with a transparent shell. By this time the embryo is able to move by its own muscular contractions, and to swallow food; it is therefore "hatched," or escapes from the egg.

Very little is known respecting the development of Brachipoda. F. Müller has described \* an embryo which, it is thought may belong to *Crania*. It possessed two roundish valves of equal size, the dorsal being the larger. At the part where the hinge is placed in the adult was a small oval plate. Five pairs of stiff setæ projected from the mantle, and four of them originated from the ventral half. The edge of the mantle in the dorsal valve was beset with numerous finer setæ, which curved down upon the outside of the ventral valve. The alimentary canal filled the posterior half of the space between the valves. There were two auditory capsules and two eyes. The anterior half was occupied by four pairs of cylindrical arms, surrounding a round knob, at the summit of which was the mouth. Locomotion was effected by means of the cilia enveloping the arms, which impelled the animal through the water with the mouth foremost. No circulatory or reproductive organs could be detected.

The young bivalves are hatched before they leave their parents (See page 393). The forms they pass through present distinct differences in several families, so that even in the present state of embryological knowledge, some five or six types of development are known. Even in the same family there may be a great

approaches the inner surface of the vitelline membrane, in order to receive the influence of the spermatozoa; it then retires to the centre of the yolk, and undergoes a series of spontaneous subdivisions. In M. Löwen's account it is said to "burst" and partially dissolve whilst the egg remains in the ovary and before impregnation.

similarity, as in the case of the marine and fresh-water forms of the mytilidæ. The following account refers to the type to which the young of *Crenella* belong. At first they have a swimming disk, fringed with long cilia, and armed with a slender tentacular filament (*flagellum*). At a later period this disk disappears progressively as the labial palpi are developed; and they acquire a foot, and with it the power of spinning a byssus. They now have a pair of eyes situated near the labial tentacles (Fig. 30\* e), which are lost at a further stage, or replaced by numerous rudimentary organs placed more favourably for vision, on the border of the mantle. The development of the young has been noticed in many of the genera of Pteropoda. They are divisible into two groups: those in which the body is surrounded with one or more rings of cilia, and those in which these rings are absent.



Fig. 30.\*

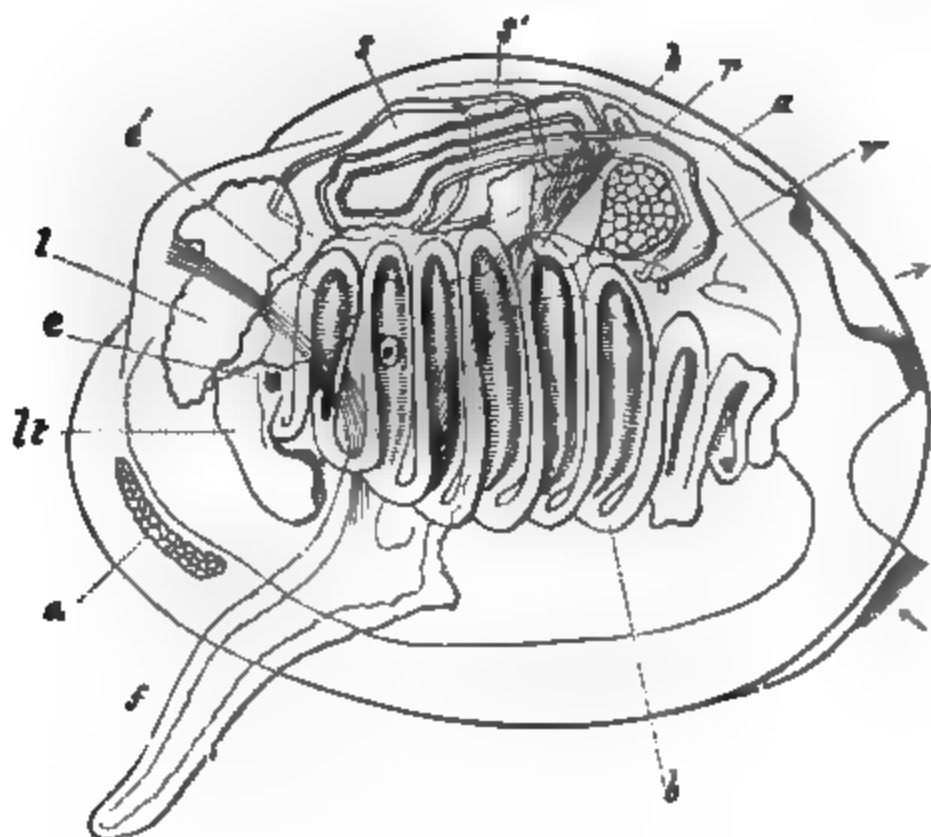


Fig. 30\*. Fry of the Mussel,†

Most of the aquatic gasteropoda are very minute when

\* Fig. 30. Very young fry of *crenella marmorata*, Forbes, highly magnified; a, disk, bordered with cilia; f, flagellum; v v, valves, m, ciliated mantle.

† Fig. 30\*. Fry of *mytilus edulis*, after Lovén. e, eye; e', auditory capsule; f, t.

hatched, and they enter life under the same form,—that which has been already referred to as permanently characteristic of the *pteropoda*. (Fig. 69.)

The *Pulmonifera* and *Cephalopoda* produce large eggs, containing sufficient nutriment to support the *embryo* until it has attained considerable size and development; thus, the newly-born cuttle-fish has a shell half an inch long, consisting of several layers, and the *bulimus ovatus* has a shell an inch in length when hatched. (Fig. 31.) These are said to undergo no transformation, because their larval stage is concealed in the egg.

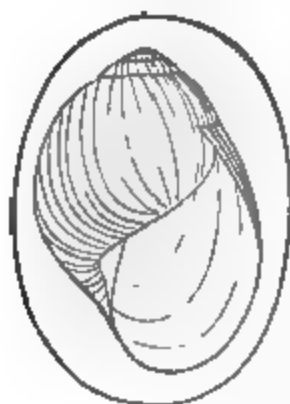


Fig. 31.\*

The researches of John Hunter† into the embryonic condition of animals, led him to the conclusion that *each stage* in the development of the highest animals corresponded to the *permanent form* of some one of the inferior orders. This

grand generalisation has since been more exactly defined and established by a larger induction of facts, some of which we have already described, and may now be stated thus:—

In the earliest period of existence all animals display one uniform condition; but after the first appearance of special development, uniformity is only met with amongst the members of the same primary division, and with each succeeding step it is more and more restricted. From that first step, the members of each primary group assume forms and pass through phases which have no parallels, except in the division to which each belongs. The mammal exhibits no likeness, at any period, to the *adult* mollusc, the insect, or the star-fish; but only to the ovarian stage of the invertebrata, and to more advanced stages of the classes formed upon its own type. And so also with the highest organised *mollusca*; after their first stage they

labial tentacles; *s*, the stomach; *b*, branchiae; *h*, heart; *v*, vent; *l*, liver; *r*, renal organ; *a*, anterior adductor; *a'*, posterior adductor; *f*, foot. The arrows indicate the incurrent and excurrent openings, between which the margins of the mantle are united.

resemble the simpler orders of their own sub-kingdom, but not those of any other group.

These are the views of Professor Owen—the successor of Huxley—by whom it has been most clearly shown and steadily maintained, that the “unity of organisation” manifested by the animal world results from the design of a Supreme Intelligence, and cannot be ascribed to the operation of a mechanical “law.”

#### CLASSIFICATION.

The objects of classification are, *first*, the convenient and intelligible arrangement of the species;\* and, *secondly*, to afford a summary, or condensed exposition, of all that is known respecting their structure and relations.

In studying the shell-fish we find resemblances of two kinds. First, agreements of structure, form, and habits; and, secondly, resemblances of form and habits without agreement of structure. The first are termed relations of *affinity*; the second, of *analogy*.

*Affinities* may be near, or remote. There is some amount of affinity common to all animals; but, like relationships amongst men, they are recognised only when tolerably close. Resemblances of structure which subsist from a very early age are presumed to imply original relationship; they have been termed *genetic* (or *histological*), and are of the highest importance. Those which are superinduced at a later period are of less consequence.

*Analogies*. Modifications relating only to peculiar habits are called *adaptive*; or *teleological*, from their relation to final causes.† A second class of analogical resemblances are purely external and illusive; they have been termed *mimetic* (*Strickland*), and, by their frequency, almost justify the notion that a certain set of forms and colours are repeated, or represented in every class and family. In all artificial arrangements, these mimetic resemblances have led to the association of widely different animals in the same groups.‡ Particular forms are also *represented* geographically§ and geologically,|| as well as systematically.

\* At least 20,000 recent, and 16,000 fossil species of molluscos animals are known.

† For example, the paper nautilus, from its resemblance to *carinaria*, was long supposed to be the shell of a nucleobranch, parasitically occupied by the “*ocythoë*.”

‡ e. g. *Aporrhais* with *strombus*, and *ancylus* with *patella*.

§ *Monoceros imbricatum* and *buccinum antarcticum* take the place, in South America, of our common whelk and purple, and *solen gladiolus* and *solen americanus* of our *solen siliqua* and *ensis*.

|| The frequent recurrence of similar species in successive strata may lead beginners to attribute too much to the influence of time and external circumstances; but such impressions disappear with further experience.



In all attempts to characterise groups of animals, we find that in advancing from the smaller to the larger combination many of the most obvious external features become of less avail, and we are compelled to seek for more constant and comprehensive signs in the phases of embryonic development, and the condition of the circulating, respiratory, and nervous systems.

*Species.* All the specimens, or individuals, which are so much alike that we may reasonably believe them to have descended from a common stock, constitute a *species*. It is a particular provision for preventing the blending of species, that *hybrids* are always barren; and it is certain, in the case of shells, that a great many kinds have not changed in form from the tertiary period to the present day,—a lapse of many thousand years,—and through countless generations. When individuals of the same brood differ in any respect, they are termed *varieties*; for example, one may be more exposed to the light, and become brighter coloured; or it may find more abundant food, and grow larger than the rest. Should these peculiarities become permanent at any place or period,—should all the specimens of a particular island or mountain, or in one sea, or geological formation, differ from those found elsewhere,—such permanent variety is termed a *race*; just as in the human species there are white and coloured races. The species of some genera are less subject to variation than others; the *nuculæ*, for example, although very numerous, are always distinguishable by good characters. Other genera, like *ammonites*, *terebratula*, and *linæ*, present a most perplexing amount of variation, resulting from age, sex, supply of food, variety of depth, and of saltness in the water. And further, whilst in some genera every possible variety of form seems to have been called into existence, others only a few, strikingly distinct forms, are known.

*Genera* are groups of species, related by community of structure in all essential respects. The genera of bivalves have been characterised by the number and position of their hinge teeth; those of the spiral univalves, by the form of their aperture; but these technical characters are only valuable so far as they indicate differences in the animals themselves.

*Families* are groups of genera, which agree in some more general characters than those which unite species into genera.

*ers and classes* of mollusca have already been referred now in use are in most cases natural.

been sometimes asserted that these groups are only contrivances, and do not *really* exist in nature but also as well as a degrading view of the matter. The of the most eminent systematists have been directed to every of the subordinate value of the characters deriving every part of the animal organisation; and, as far as information enabled them, they have made their systems a "of all the highest facts or generalisations in history."—(*Owen.*)

ne Edwards has remarked, that the actual appearance of the animal kingdom is not like a well-regulated army, but like a starry heavens, over which constellations of various groups are scattered, with here and there a solitary star not included in any neighbouring group.

is exceedingly true; we cannot expect our systematic groups to have equal numerical values,\* but they ought to be of equal structural importance; and they will thus possess a value of order, which is superior to mere numerical regu-

most philosophic naturalists have entertained a belief that the development of animal forms has proceeded upon some plan, and have directed their researches to the discovery of the reflection of the Divine mind." Some have fancied that they have discovered it in a mystic number, and have accordingly converted all the groups into *fives*.† We do not enter into these speculations, yet we think it better to describe groups as far only as we know them.

difficulty has always been found in placing groups according to their affinities. This cannot be effected in the manner which we are compelled to describe them—a single point for each group is related to *all* the rest; and if we attempt a representation of the affinities to very small groups, an arrangement on a plane surface would fail, for the groups radiate in all directions, and the "network" to which they are likened them, is as insufficient a comparison as the arrangement of older writers.‡

numerical development of groups is *inversely proportional* to the bulk of the groups composing them.—(*Waterhouse.*)

various authors make out five molluscan classes by excluding the *tunicata*; the arrangement could be attained in a more satisfactory manner by reducing the pteropoda to the rank of an order, which might be placed next to the *opistho-branchs*.

The ordinary arrangement of the molluscan classes reminds us of the eastern

## NOMENCLATURE.

The practice of using two names—generic and specific—for each animal, or plant, originated with Linnaeus; therefore no scientific names date further back than his works. In the construction of these names the Greek and Latin languages are preferred by the common consent of all countries.

*Synonyms.* It often happens that a species is named, or a genus established, by more than one person, at different times, and in ignorance of each other's labours. Such duplicate names are called *synonyms*; they have multiplied amazingly of late, and are a stumbling-block and an opprobrium in all branches of natural history.\*

One very common estuary shell rejoices in the following variety of titles:—

*Scrobicularia piperata* (*Gmelin* sp.).  
*Trigonella plana* (*Da Costa*).  
*Macra Listeri* (*Auct.*).  
*Mya Hispanica* (*Chemnitz*).  
*Venus borealis* (*Pennant*).  
*Lutraria compressa* (*Lamarck*).  
*Arenaria plana* (*Megerle*).

As regards *specific* names, the earliest ought certainly to be adopted, with, however, the following exceptions:—

1. MS. names; which are admitted by courtesy.
2. Names given by writers antecedent to Linnaeus.
3. Names unaccompanied by a description or figure.
4. Barbarisms; or names involving error or absurdity.†

It is also very desirable that names having a general (European) acceptance should not be changed on the discovery of earlier names in obscure publications.

emblem of eternity—the serpent holding its tail in its mouth. The following diagram is offered as an improved *circular system*:—

[FISHES.]

Di-branchiata.



With respect to *genera*, those who believe in their real existence as “ideas of the creating mind,” will be disposed to set aside many random appellations given to particular shells without any clear enunciation of their characters; and to adopt later names, if bestowed with an accurate perception of the grounds which entitle them to generic distinction.\*

*Authority for specific names.* The multiplication of synonyms having made it desirable to place the *authority* after each name, another source of evil has arisen; for several naturalists (fancying that the *genus maker*, and not the *species maker*, should enjoy this privilege) have altered or divided almost every genus, and placed their signatures as authorities for names given half a century or a century before by Linnæus or Bruguiere. The majority of naturalists have disowned this practice, and agreed to distinguish by the addition of “sp.” the authorities for those specific names whose generic appellations have been altered. The *type* of a genus should be the species which best exhibits the characters of the group, but it is not always easy to follow out this rule; and consequently the first on the list is often put forward as the type.

## ABBREVIATIONS.

*Etym.*, etymology; *Syn.*, synonym; *Distr.*, distribution; *MS.*, unpublished; *Sp.*, species; *B. M.*, in the British Museum.

*Distr.*, Norway—New Zealand; including all intermediate seas.

*Foss.*, Lias-chalk: implies that the genus existed in these and all intermediate strata. Chalk—; means that the genus has existed from the chalk up to the present time.

*Depth*—50 fms. implies that the genus is found at all depths between low-water mark and 50 fathoms. A fathom = 6 feet.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , one-fourth real size;  $\dagger$ , magnified four times.

*Lat.*, breadth; *Long.*, length; *Alt.*, height or thickness. *Unc.*, an inch; *Lin.*, a line or  $\frac{1}{12}$  of an inch; *Mill.*, a millimetre or  $\frac{1}{25}$  of an inch.

\* Several bad practices—against which there is, unhappily, no law—should be strongly discountenanced. First, the employment of names already in familiar use for other objects; such as *cidaris* (the title of a well-known genus of sea-urchins) for a group of spiral shells; and *arenaria* (a property of the botanists) for a bivalve. Secondly, the conversion of *specific* into *generic* titles, a process which has caused endless confusion; it has arisen out of the vain desire of giving new designations to old and familiar objects, and thus obtaining a questionable sort of fame.

## CHAPTER II.

## GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE MOLLUSCA.

It is one of the most familiar facts in Natural History that many countries possess a distinct Fauna and Flora, or assemblages of animals and plants peculiar to themselves; and it is equally true, though less generally understood, that the sea also has its provinces of animal and vegetable life.

The most important or best known of these provinces are indicated on the accompanying map; different names, in some instances, and different letters and numbers, being employed to distinguish the marine from the terrestrial regions.\*

The division of the surface of the globe into natural history provinces ought to be framed upon the widest possible basis. The geographical distribution of every class of animals and plants should be considered in order to arrive at a theory of universal application.

The most philosophical division of the globe into natural provinces has been by Swainson in 1835, and by Dr. Scater in 1857. The last has been adopted by several naturalists. It was based upon a consideration of the distribution of birds, and has been extended to fishes and amphibia by Dr. Günther. It might be extended to mollusca. In Dr. Scater's scheme the world is divided into six regions, viz. (1) Palearctic region: this comprises Europe, North Africa, Asia Minor, Persia, Asia north of the Himalayas, North China, and Japan; (2) Ethiopian or Western Palearctic region, includes Africa south of the Atlas, Madagascar, Mascarene, Arabia; (3) Indian or Middle Palearctic region, including Asia south of the Himalayas, Ceylon, Burmah, Malacca, Southern China, Philippines, Borneo, Java, Sumatra, and adjacent islands; (4) Australian or Western Palearctic region: Australia, New Guinea, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands; (5) Nearctic or North American region: Greenland, and North America as far as the centre of Mexico;

\* The author regrets that, on account of the expense, this map appears without the advantage of colours. He would recommend those who are sufficiently interested in the subject to colour their own copies, distinguishing the shores of the marine provinces

(6) Neotropical or South American region: West India Islands, South Mexico, Central and South America, Galapagos, and Falkland Isles. These divisions apply to the land, but it is probable that they will help to throw light on the boundaries of the natural marine provinces.

As will be seen, each of the above regions includes several of the provinces adopted in this work.

The *Land Provinces* hitherto proposed have been chiefly founded on botanical grounds, but the evidence afforded by insects and the higher classes of animals confirms the existence of these divisions.

The *Marine Provinces* have also been investigated by botanists; and the striking peculiarities of the fisheries have been taken into account as well as the distribution of shell-fish and corals.

In order to constitute a distinct province it is considered necessary that at least *one-half* the species should be *peculiar*, a rule which applies equally to plants and animals. Some genera and sub-genera are limited to each province, but the proportion is different in each class of animals and in plants.\*

*Specific areas.* Species vary extremely in their range, some being limited to small areas, while others, more widely diffused, unite the local populations into fewer and larger groups. Those species which characterise particular regions are termed "endemic;" they mostly require peculiar circumstances, or possess small means of migrating. The others, sometimes called "sporadic," possess great facilities for diffusion, like the lower orders of plants propagated by *spores*, and more easily meet with suitable conditions. The space over which a species is distributed is called a "centre," or, more properly, a *specific area*. The areas of one-half the species are smaller (usually much smaller) than a single province.

In each specific area there is frequently one spot where individuals are more abundant than elsewhere; this has been called the "metropolis" of the species. Some species which appear to be nowhere common can be shown to have abounded formerly; and many probably seem rare only because their head-quarters are at present unknown.—(*Forbes.*)

*Specific centres* are the points at which the particular species are supposed to have been created, according to those who believe that each has originated from a common stock (p. 46);

\* The genera of plants amount to 20,000, and consist on an average of only four species apiece! The genera of shells commonly admitted are only 400 in number, and average forty species each. It follows that the areas of the molluscan genera (*cæteris paribus*) ought to be ten times as great as those of plants.

these can only be known approximately in any case. The doctrine that each species originated from a single individual, or pair, created once only, and at one place, derives strong confirmation from the fact that so "many animals and plants are indigenous only in determinate spots, while a thousand others might have supported them as well."\*

*Generic areas.* Natural groups of species, whether called genera, families, or orders, are distributed much in the same manner as species; † not for the same reason, since their constituents are not related by descent, but apparently from the intention of the Creator.

*Sub-generic areas* are usually smaller than generic; and the areas of orders and families are, as a matter of course, larger than those of the included genera. But it is necessary to remember that groups of the same denomination are not always of equal value; and since species vary in range it often happens that specific areas of one class or family are larger than generic areas of another. The smallest areas are usually those of the forms termed *aberrant*; the *typical* groups and species are most widely distributed.—(Waterhouse.)

"When a generic area includes a considerable number of species, there may be found within it a point of maximum (*metropolis*), around which the number of species becomes less and less. A genus may have more centres than one. It may have had unbroken extension at one period, and yet in the course of time and change, may have its centre so broken up

\* Mrs. Somerville's Physical Geography, ii. 95.

† "What we call class, order, family, genus, are all only so many names for genera of various degrees of extent. Technically a genus is a group to which a name (as *Ribes*) is applied: but essentially, *Ericaceae*, *Ranunculaceae*, *Ranunculus*, are genera of different degrees.

"One of the chief arguments in favour of the *naturalness* of genera (or groups), is that derived from the fact that many genera can be shown to be *centralised* in definite geographical areas (*Erica*, for example), i.e. we find the species gathered all, or mostly, within an area, which has some one point where the *maximum* number of species is developed.

"But, in *geographical space*, we not unfrequently find that the same genus may have two or more areas, within each of which this phenomenon of a point of *maximum* number of species is seen, with fewer and fewer species radiating, as it were, from it.

"In the following table, under words in *italic* called *distribution*, as far as we know,

that there shall appear to be out-lying points. When, however, the history of a natural genus shall have been traced equally through its extension in *time* and *space*, it is not impossible that the area, considered in the abstract, will be found to be necessarily unique.”—(*Forbes.*)

To illustrate the doctrine of the *unity of generic areas* Professor Forbes has given several examples, showing that some of the most exceptional cases admit of explanation and confirm the rule. One of these relates to the genus *Mitra*, of which there are 420 species; it has its metropolis in the Philippine Islands, and extends by the Red Sea to the Mediterranean and West Africa, the species becoming few, small, and obscure. Far away from the rest a single species is found on the coast of Greenland. But this very shell occurs fossil in Ireland along with another *mitra* now living in the Mediterranean. Another case is presented by the genus *Panopæa*, of which the eleven living species are widely separated. Of this genus above 100 fossil species are known, distributed over many places within the wide area, on whose margin the relics of this ancient form of life seem to linger like the last ripple of a circling wave.\*

According to this view the specific centres are scattered thickly over the whole surface of the globe; those of the genera more thinly distributed; and the points of origin of the large groups become fewer in succession, until we have to estimate the probable position or scene of creation of the primary divisions themselves; and are led to speculate whether there may not have been some common focus—the centre of centres—from which the first and greatest types of life have emanated.

*Boundaries of Natural History Provinces.* The land provinces are separated by lofty mountains, deserts, seas, and climates; whilst the seas are divided by continents and influenced by the physical character of coast-lines, by climates and currents. These “natural barriers,” as they were called by Buffon, retard or altogether prevent the migrations of species in particular directions.

*Influence of Climate.* Diversity of climate has been the popular explanation of most of the phenomena of geographical distribution, because it is so well known that some species require a tropical amount of warmth, whilst others can endure a great variety of temperature, and some only thrive amidst the rigours of the arctic regions. The character of the vegetation of the zones of latitude has been sketched by Baron Hum-

\* The most striking and conclusive instances may be met with in the distribution of the highest classes of vertebrate animals.



holdt; Fabricius and Latreille have divided the world into climatal Insect-provinces; and Professor E. Forbes has constructed a map of the *homocœtic* belts or zones of marine life. To all these the remark of Mr. Kirby is applicable—that any division of the globe into provinces, by means of *equivalent* parallels and meridians, wears the appearance of an artificial and arbitrary system, rather than of one according to nature. Professor Forbes has been careful to point out that although the “Faunas of regions under similar physical conditions bear a striking resemblance to each other”—this resemblance is produced, “not by identity of species, or even of genera, but by *representation*” (p. 45).

*Origin of the Natural History Provinces.* Mr. Kirby appears to have been the first to recognise the truth that physical conditions were not the primary causes of the zoological provinces, which he “regarded as fixed by the will of the Creator, rather than as regulated by isothermal lines.”\* Mr. Swainson also has shown that the “circumstances connected with temperature, food, situation, and foes, are totally insufficient to account for the phenomena of animal geography,” which he attributes to the operation of unknown laws.†

The most important contribution towards a knowledge of these “unknown laws” has been made by Professor E. Forbes, who was perhaps the first naturalist ever in a position to avail himself of the great storehouse of facts accumulated by geologists, respecting the distribution of organic life in “the former world.” This subject will be referred to again in connection with the subject of Fossil Shells; meanwhile it may be stated that, according to this evidence, the Faunas of the Provinces are of various ages, and that their origin is connected with former (often very remote) geological changes, and a different distribution of land and water over the surface of the globe.

#### MARINE PROVINCES.

Amongst the genera of marine shells there are some which have been considered particularly indicative of climate. From the Arctic list the following may be taken as examples of the

Buccinum.  
 \*Chrysodomus.  
 \*Trophon.  
 Admete.  
 \*Trichotropis.

Velutina.  
 Lacuna.  
 \*Margarita.  
 —  
 \*Rhynchonella.

\*Crenella.  
 \*Yoldia.  
 \*Astarte.  
 Cyprina.  
 Glycimeris.

The following have been thought peculiar to the warmer regions of the sea :

Nautilus.  
 Rostellaria.  
 Triton.  
 Cancellaria.  
 Terebra.

Conus.  
 Harpa.  
 Oliva.  
 Voluta.  
 Marginella.

Columbella.  
 Cypræa.  
 Nerita.  
 Spondylus.  
 Plicatula.

Perna.  
 Vulsella.  
 Tridacna.  
 Crassatella.  
 Sanguinolar'a.

But it must not be inferred that these genera were always characteristic of extreme climates. On the contrary, the whole of them have existed in the British seas at no very remote geological period. *Rhynchonella* and *Astarte* were formerly “tropical shells ;” and since the period of the English chalk-formation there have been living *Nautili* in the North Sea, and Cones and Olives in the “London basin.” It is not true that the same *species* have been at one time tropical, at another temperate, but the *genera* have in many instances enjoyed a much wider range than they exhibit now. Some of the “tropical” forms are more abundant and extend farther in the Southern hemisphere ; several large *Volutes* range to the extremity of South America, and the largest of all inhabits New Zealand.

The tropical and sub-tropical provinces might be naturally grouped in three principal divisions, viz., the Atlantic, the Indo-Pacific, and the West-American,—divisions which are bounded by meridians of longitude, not by parallels of latitude. The Arctic province is comparatively small and exceptional ; and the three most southern Faunas of America, Africa, and Australia differ extremely, but not on account of climate.

If only a small extent of sea-coast is examined, the character of its mollusca will be found to depend very much upon the nature of the shore, the tides, depth, and local circumstances, which will be referred to again in another page. But these peculiarities will disappear when the survey is extended to a region sufficiently large to include every ordinary variety of condition.

It has been stated that each Fauna consists of a number of peculiar species, properly, more than half ; and of a smaller number which are common to some other provinces. By ascertaining the direction of the tides and currents, and the circumstances under which the species occur, it may be possible to determine to which province these more widely diffused mollusca

originally belonged. And when species occur both recent and fossil it is easy to perceive the direction in which their migrations have taken place.

The Fauna of the Mediterranean has been critically examined by Prof. Forbes and M. Philippi, with this result,—that a large proportion of its population has migrated into it from the Atlantic, and a smaller number from the Red Sea, and that the supposed peculiar species are diminishing so rapidly with every new research in the Atlantic, that it can no longer rank as a province distinct from the Lusitanian.

When the Faunas of the other regions have been tested in the same manner, and disentangled, the result will probably be the establishment of a much greater number of provinces than we have ventured at present to indicate on the map.

It may be desirable to notice here the extraordinary range attributed to some of the marine species. These statements must be received with great hesitation; for when sufficiently investigated, it has usually proved that some of the localities were false, or that more than one species was included. The following are given by Dr. Krauss in his excellent monograph of the South African Mollusca:—

*Ranella granifera* : Red Sea, Natal, India, China, Philippines, New Zealand.

*Triton olearius* : Brazil, Mediterranean, Natal, Pacific.

*Purpura lapillus* : Greenland, (Senegal, Cape).

*Venus verrucosa* : (W. Indies), Brit. Senegal, Canaries, Mediterranean, Red Sea, Cape (Australia).

*Octopus vulgaris* : Antilles, Brazil, Europe, Natal, Mauritius, India.

*Argonauta argo* : (Antilles), Medit., Red Sea, Cape.

*Lucina divaricata* is said to be "found on the shores of Europe, India, Africa, America, and Australia." (Gray.) In this case several species are confounded. The rock-boring *Saxicava* has been carried to all parts of the world in ballast, and it remains yet to be ascertained whether the same species occurs in a living state beyond the Arctic Seas and North Atlantic.

Lastly, the money cowry is always catalogued as a shell of the Mediterranean and Cape, although its home is in the Pacific, and it has no other origin in the Atlantic than the occasional

## I. ARCTIC PROVINCE.

The North Polar Seas contain but one assemblage of *Mollusca*, whose Southern limit is formed by the Aleutian Islands in the Pacific, but in the North Atlantic is determined chiefly by the boundary of floating ice, descending as low as Newfoundland on the West, and thence rising rapidly to Iceland and the North Cape. A very complete general account of the Arctic Mollusca is given by Dr. Middendorff;\* those of Greenland have been catalogued and described by Otho Fabricius and Möller;† and more recently by Mörch;‡ 158 species are enumerated by Middendorff, and 202 by Mörch. Scattered notices occur in the Annals of Natural History,§ and the Supplements to the Narratives of the Arctic Voyagers,—Phipps, Scoresby, Franklin, Back, Ross, Parry, and Richardson. The existence of the same marine animals in the Kamtchatka Sea and Baffin's Bay was long since held to prove at least a former North-West passage; but the occurrence of recent sea-shells in banks far inland rendered it probable that even recent elevation of the land in Arctic America might have much reduced the passage. During the "Glacial period," this Arctic Sea, with the same fauna, extended over Britain; over Northern Europe, as far as the Alps and Carpathians; and over Siberia, and a considerable part of North America. The shells now living in the Arctic Seas, are found fossil in the deposits of "Northern Drift," over all these countries; and a few of the species yet linger within the bounds of the two next provinces, especially in tracts of unusual depth. The Arctic shells have mostly a thick greenish epidermis (p. 33); they occur in very great abundance, and are remarkably subject to variation of form, a circumstance attributed by Professor E. Forbes to the influence of the mixture of fresh water produced by the melting of great bodies of snow and ice.

## ARCTIC SHELL-FISH.

R. Russian Lapland. F. Finmark. I. Iceland. G. Greenland. D. Davis Straits (west coast). B. Behring's Straits. O. Ochotak. \* British species (living). \*\* British species (fossil).

*Octopus granulatus*. G.  
*Cirroteuthis Mülleri*. G.  
*Rossia palpebrosa*. G. P. Regent In'let.  
*Onychoteuthis Bergii*. F. B.  
 „ *Fabricii*. G.

„ *amœna*. G.  
 \**Ommastrephes todarus*. F. Newf.  
 —————  
*Limacina arctica*. G. O.

\* *Malaco-zoologia Rossica*; Mem. del' Acad. Imp. des Sc. Petersb. T. 6, pt. 2, 1849.

† *Index Molluscorum Grœnlandiæ*. Hafn. 1842.

‡ *Fortegnelse over Grønlands Bløddyr* in H. Rink: *Grønland geografisk og statistisk beskrevet*, ii. Bind. 1857.

§ *Hancock, An. Nat. Hist.* vol. 18, p. 323, pl. 5.

- Spiralis stenogyra*. F.  
 " *baica*. G.  
 \* *Clis borealis*. N. Zemia. G.
- \* *Nassa incrassata*. F.  
 \* *Buccinum undatum*, var. Kara. O.  
 " *hydrophanum*. D. Prince Regent Inlet.  
 " *tenebrosum*. R. G. B.  
 \* " *Humphreysianum*. R. G.  
 \*\* " *cyaneum*. F. D. G. Icy O. St. Lawrence.  
 " *glaciale*. Kara. O. C. Parry. G. Spitzbergen.  
*Buccinum angulosum*. N. Zemia. Icy G. Spitz.  
 " *tenue*. N. Zemia. G.  
 " *Grœnlandicum*. D.  
 " *undulatum*. G.  
 " *scalariforme*. G.  
 \*\* " *ciliatum*. G.  
 " *boreale* (Leach). Rafin's B.  
 " *sericatum*. D. P. Refuge.  
 " *Holbœlli* (Mangelia, M&S.) G. F.  
 " *Dalei*. R. B.  
*Pleurotoma*, 13 sp. G.  
 \* *Fusus antiquus*. N. Zemia. B.  
 \*\* " *carinatus*. G.  
 " *contrarius*. R. O.  
 " *deformis*. R. Spitz.  
 \*\* " *despectus*. G. Spitz.  
 " *heros*. C. Perry.  
 " *latericeus*. G.  
 \*\* " *Sabini*. D. Mass.  
 " *pellucidus*. D.  
 " *Kroyeri*. G. Spitz.  
 " *decemcostatus*. B. Newf.  
 " *Berniclaensis*. R. B.  
 " *Spitzbergensis*. Spitz.  
 " *Ielandicus*. F.  
 " *gracilis*. F. R. G. B.  
 \*\* *Trochus clathratus*. R. G. B.  
 \*\* " *scariformis*. Spitz. Newf. B.  
 \*\* " *Gunneri*. F. G.  
 \*\* " *craticulatus*. R. I. G.  
 " *Barvicensis*. F.  
 " *harpularius*. F. U.S.
- \* *Trichotroga borealis*. F. G. R. Prince Regent Inlet.  
 " *conica*. G.  
 " *insignis*. B.  
 " *bicarinata*. B.  
 \* *Natica heliocides*. R. G. B.  
 \*\* " *clausa*. F. N. Zemia. G. Melville Id. P. Regent Inlet. B.  
 " *pallida*. R. G.  
 " *sava*. N. Zemia. B. Newf.  
 \* " *pusilla* (*grœnlandica*). G. Norway. Spitz.  
 " *dana*. G.  
 \* *Velutina serrigata*. R. B.  
 " *flexilla*. F.  
 \*\* " *sonata*. R. G.  
 " *lanigera*. G.  
*Lamellaria prodita*. F.  
 " *Grœnlandica*. G. N.  
 \*\* *Scapha Grœnlandica*. F. G. B.  
 \*\* " *borealis* (Schrichti). G.  
*Amara candida*. G.  
*Chernitzia albula*. G.  
 \* *Mesalia lactea*. G.  
 \* *Turritella polaris*. G.  
*Aporthais occidentalis*. Labrador.  
 \* *Littorina obtusata*. R.  
 " *tenebrosa*. N. Zemia. D.  
 " *Grœnlandica*. G. F.  
 " *pallida* (*arctica*). G.  
 " *limata*. F.  
 \* *Lacuna vineta*. R. Newf. G.  
 " *labiosa*. F. P. Refuge.  
 " *crassior*. R.  
 " *granialla*. G.  
 " *pallidula*. G.  
 " *puteola*. F. Newf.  
 " *frigida*. F.  
 " *solidula*. F.  
*Hydrobia castanea*. R. G.  
*Rissoa acrobiculata*. G.  
 " *globulus*. G.  
 " *saxatilis*. G.  
 \* *Skenea planorbis*. G. F.  
 \*\* *Margarita cinerea*. F. U.S.  
 " *undulata*. R. G.  
 " *alabastrum*. F.  
 " *helena*. G. White Sea. Spitz.

- Lepeta caeca*. G. F. Spitz. O. Eden.  
*Pilidium rubellum*. F. G. D.  
*Patella*, 4 sp. G.  
*\*Chiton ruber*. F. G. Spitz.  
 „ *albus*. F. G.  
*Dentalium entale*. Spitz.
- 
- Bulla Reinhardi*. G.  
 „ *subangulata*. G.  
*\*Cylichna alba*. G. F. Spitz.  
 „ *turrita*. G.  
*\*Philine scabra*. Norway. G.  
 „ *punctata* (Möll.) G.  
*Doris liturata*. G.  
 „ *acutiuscula*. G.  
 „ *obvelata*. G.  
*\*Dendronotus arborescens*. F. G.  
*Æolis bodocensis*. G.  
*Tergipes rupium*. G.  
*Euplocamus Holbøllii*. G.
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- \*Terebratulina caput-serpentis*. Spitz. F. Mass. Medit.  
*\*Waldheimia cranium*. F.  
 „ *septigera*. F.  
*Terebratella Spitzbergensis*. Sp.  
 „ *Labradorensis*. Labr.  
*\*\*Rhynchonella peittacea*. R. Baffin's Bay, 76° N. Melville, I. B.  
*\*Crania anomala*. Spitz.
- 
- \*Anomia squamula*. R.  
 „ *aculeata*. R.  
*\*\*Pecten Islandicus*. F. N. Zemla. Spitz. G. B. St. Lawrence.  
 „ *vitreus*. F. Arctic America.  
 „ *Grœnlandicus*. R. Spitz. D.  
*Limatula sulcata*. G. F.  
*\*Mytilus edulis*. R. G. B.  
*\*Modiola modiolus*. R. B.  
*\*Crenella discors* (*laevigata*). G. D. N. Zemla.  
 „ *decussata*. R. G.  
 „ *nigra*. N. Zemla. R. G. D.  
 „ *fabia*. G.  
 „ *vitrea*. G.  
*Arca glacialis*. P. Regent Inlet.  
*Nucula corticata*. G.  
 „ *inflata*. G. D.  
*Leda buccata*. G.  
 „ *macilenta*. G.  
 „ *rostrata* (*pernula*). F. Spitz. Arctic America.
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- \*\*Leda minuta* (Fabr.) F. Spitz. G. D.  
 „ *lucida*. F. (= *navicularis*? Spitz.)  
 „ *pygmaea*. G. F. Siberia.  
*\*\*Yoldia arctica* Gr. (*myalis*). G. U.S. Spitzbergen.  
 „ *lanceolata* (*arctica* B. & S.) Icy Cape.  
 „ *limatula*. F. U.S. Kamt.  
 „ *hyperborea*. Spitz.  
 „ *thraciiformis* (*angularis*). G. Mass.  
 „ *truncata*, Br. (*Portlandica*, Hit.) P. Refuge. Arctic America.  
*\*\*Astarte borealis* (*arctica*). F. Iceland. G.  
 „ *semisulcata* (*corrugata*). Kara Sea. N. Zemla. Spitz. P. Regent Inlet. O. Parry. Icy Cape.  
 „ *elliptica*. F. G. Spitz.  
 „ *sulcata*. R. N. Zemla. O.  
 „ *crebricosta*. F. Spitz. Newf.  
 „ *crenata*. P. Regent Inlet.  
 „ *Warhami*. Davis Str.  
 „ *globosa*. G.  
 „ *compressa*. N. Zemla. G.  
 „ *Banksii*. Spitz. Baffin's Bay.  
*\*Cardium edule* var. *rusticum*. R.  
 „ *Islandicum*. N. Zemla. G.  
 „ *Grœnlandicum*. Kara. Spitz. O. Parry. St. Lawrence.  
 „ *elegantulum*. G.  
*\*Cryptodon flexuosus*. G. F.  
*\*Turtonia minuta*. G. F.  
*\*Cyprina Islandica*. R. Labrador.  
*\*\*Cardita borealis*. Mass. O.  
*\*\*Tellina calcarea*. F. G. B.  
 „ *Grœnlandica*. (= *Balthica*, L.) N. Zemla. Spitz. F. G. B.  
 „ *edentula*. B.  
*\*Mya truncata*. R. Spitz. G. C. Parry. B.  
 „ *Uddevallensis*. St. Lawrence. D. P. Regent Inlet. Melville I.  
 „ *arenaria*. N. Zemla. G. O.  
*\*\*Saxicava rugosa* (*arctica*). N. Zemla. Spitz. G. C. Parry. B.  
 „ (*Panopæa*) *Norvegica*. White Sea. O.  
*Machæra costata*. Labrador. O.  
*Glycimeris siliqua*. C. Parry. Newf.  
*\*Lyonsia Norvegica*. F. O.  
 „ *arenosa*. G. D. P. Refuge.  
*\*Thracia myopsis*. G.  
*Pandora glacialis*. Spitz. Baff. (Leach).

- Spiralis stenogyra*. Y.  
 " *baica*. G.  
 \**Olio borealis*. N. Zemla. G.
- 
- \**Nassa incrassata*. F.  
 \**Buccinum undatum*, var. Kara. O.  
 " *hydrophanum*. D. Prince Regent Inlet.  
 " *tenebrosum*. R. G. B.  
 " *Humphreysianum*. E. G.  
 \*\* " *cyaneum*. F. D. G. Icy C. St. Lawrence.  
 " *glaciale*. Kara. O. C. Parry. G. Spitzbergen.  
*Buccinum angulosum*. N. Zemla. Icy C. Spitz.  
 " *tenuis*. N. Zemla. G.  
 " *Groenlandicum*. D.  
 " *undulatum*. G.  
 " *scalariformis*. G.  
 \*\* " *ellipticum*. G.  
 " *boreale* (Leach). Baffin's B.  
 " *sericatum*. D. P. Refuge.  
 \* " *Holbulli* (Mangelia, MÖL.) G. F.  
 " *Dalei*. R. B.  
*Pleurotoma*, 13 sp. G.  
 \**Fusus antiquus*. N. Zemla. B.  
 \*\* " *carinatus*. G.  
 " *contrarius*. R. O.  
 " *deformis*. R. Spitz.  
 \*\* " *despectus*. G. Spitz.  
 " *heros*. C. Perry.  
 " *latericeus*. G.  
 \*\* " *Sabini*. D. Mass.  
 " *pallidus*. D.  
 " *Kroyeri*. G. Spitz.  
 " *decemcostatus*. B. Newf.  
 \* " *Bernicliensis*. R. B.  
 " *Spitzbergensis*. Spitz.  
 \* " *Islandicus*. F.  
 " *gracilis*. F. R. G. B.  
 \*\**Trophon clathratus*. R. G. B.  
 \*\* " *scalariformis*. Spitz. Newf. B.  
 \*\* " *Gunnari*. F. G.  
 \*\* " *craticulatus*. R. I. G.  
 " *Barricenis*. F.  
 " *harpularica*. F. U.S.
- \**Trichotropis borealis*. F. G. B. Prince Regent Inlet.  
 " *conica*. G.  
 " *insignis*. B.  
 " *bicarinata*. B.  
 \**Natica heliocides*. R. G. B.  
 \*\* " *clausa*. F. N. Zemla. G. Melville Id. P. Regent Inlet. B.  
 " *pallida*. R. O.  
 " *flava*. N. Zemla. B. Newf.  
 \* " *pusilla* (groenlandica). G. Newf. Spitz.  
 " *nana*. G.  
 \**Velutina levigata*. R. B.  
 " *flexilis*. F.  
 \*\* " *sonata*. R. G.  
 " *lanigera*. G.  
*Lamellaria prodita*. F.  
 " *Groenlandica*. G. B.  
 \*\**Scalaris Groenlandica*. F. G. B.  
 \*\* " *borealis* (Eckrichti). G.  
*Amara candida*. G.  
*Chemnitzia albulis*. G.  
 \*\**Mesalia lactea*. G.  
 \*\**Turritella polaris*. G.  
*Aporthais occidentalis*. Labrador.  
 \**Littorina obtusata*. R.  
 " *tenebrosa*. N. Zemla. B.  
 " *Groenlandica*. G. F.  
 " *pallida* (arctica). G.  
 " *limata*. F.  
 \**Lacuna vineta*. R. Newf. G.  
 " *labiosa*. F. P. Refuge.  
 " *crassior*. B.  
 " *glaciella*. G.  
 " *pallidula*. G.  
 \* " *puteolus*. F. Newf.  
 " *frigida*. F.  
 " *solidula*. F.  
*Hydrobia castanea*. R. G.  
*Rissoa scrobiculata*. G.  
 " *globulus*. G.  
 " *saxatilis*. G.  
 \**Skenea planorbis*. G. F.  
 \*\**Margarita civea*. F. U.S.  
 " *undulata*. R. G.  
 " *alabastrum*. F.  
 " *hebrina*. G. White Sea. Sp.

*nigra*.  
*discors*, L.  
*decussata* (*glandula*, Tot.)  
*Islandicus*.  
*edulis* (*borealis*, Lam. ?)  
*ephippium*.  
*aculeata*.  
*squamula*?

*atulina caput-serpentis*.  
*phonella psittacea*.

*onotus arborescens*.  
*ra Lessonii* ?  
*isphyra hyalina* (*debilis* ?)  
*na alba* (*triticea*, C.)  
*obtusa* (*pertenula*).  
*o quadrata* (*formosa*, St.)

*cinereus*.  
*marmoreus*.  
*ruber*.  
*laevis*.  
*asellus*.  
*albus*.  
*dium* (*entale*, L. ?)  
*a caeca* (*candida*, C.)  
*sa testudinalis* (*amoena*, S.)  
*urella Noachina*.  
*bis divisus* (= *Skenea serpuloides*).  
*rita cinerea*.  
*costulata* ? (*Skenea*).  
*helicina*.

\* *Margarita undulata*.  
 \* " *alabastrum* (= *occidentalis* ?)  
*Littorina groenlandica*.  
 \* " *tenebrosa* (*vestita*).  
 \* " *palliat* ?  
 \* *Lacuna vineta* (*divaricata*).  
 \* " *puteolus* (*Montagui*).  
 \* *Skenea planorbis*.  
 \* *Velutina laevigata*.  
 \* " *zonata*.  
 \* *Lamellaria perspicua*.  
 \* *Natica helicoides*.  
 \* " *clausa*.  
 \* " *pusilla*.  
 \* *Scalaria groenlandica*.  
 (*Ianthina communis*).  
*Odostomia producta*.  
*Cancellaria* (*admete*) *viridula*.  
 \* *Trichotropis borealis*.  
 \* *Fusus antiquus* (*tornatus*).  
 \* " *islandicus*.  
 \* " *propinquus*.  
 \* " *rosaceus*.  
 \* *Trophon muricatus*.  
 \* " *clathratus*.  
 \* " *scalariformis*.  
 \* " *harpularius*.  
 \* *Purpura lapillus*.  
 \* *Buccinum undatum*.  
 \* " (*Cominella*) *Dalei*.  
 \* *Bela turricula*.  
 \* " *Trevelyana*.  
 \* " *rufa* (*Vahlhi*) ?

*amastrephe sagittatus* is also common to both sides of the Atlantic. The genera,

<i>Machera</i> ,	<i>Glycimeris</i> ,	<i>Cardita</i> , and
<i>Solemya</i> ,	<i>Mesodesma</i> ( <i>deauratum</i> ),	<i>Crepidula</i> ,

peculiar to the American side of the Boreal Province. Several other species now living on the coast of the U. States fossil in England: e. g. *Trophon cinereus*, Say., is believed the *Fusus Forbesi*, Strickland, of the Isle of Man; others marked in the Arctic list.

### III. CELTIC PROVINCE.

The Celtic province, as described by Prof. E. Forbes, includes British island coasts, Denmark, Southern Sweden, and the ...\* The fauna of this region (which includes the principal ... great work of Messrs. Forbes and Hanley is the standard text book on *Testacea*. A new work on British *Mollusca* is now being prepared by Mr. J.



herring-fisheries) is essentially Atlantic; many of the species are of ancient origin, and occur fossil in the Pliocene.

The British mollusca described by Forbes and Hanley amount to 682, viz. :—

14 (15) Cephalopoda.	100 Pulmonifera.	175 (173) Acapala.
230 (234) Marine Univalves.	4 (5) Pteropoda.	73 (73) Tunicata.
91 (100) Nudibranchiata.	5 (7) Brachiopoda.	

Of this number two-thirds of the *Nudibranchiata*, 55 marine univalves, and 7 bivalve shell-fish, are, at present, only known in British seas; but as most of these are minute or "critical" species, it is considered they will yet be met with elsewhere. In 1857, Mr. M'Andrew was acquainted with 626 marine molluscs, as indicated by the figures in brackets in the summary just given.

A few of the species belong to the Lusitanian province, whose northern limits include the Channel Islands, and just impinge upon our coast.

<i>Phasianella pullosa</i> .	<i>Murex corallinus</i> .	<i>Cytherea chione</i> .
<i>Heliotis tuberculata</i> .	<i>Avicula Tarentina</i> .	<i>Petricola lithophaga</i> .
<i>Truncatella Montagu</i> .	<i>Galeomma Turtoni</i> .	<i>Venerupis irus</i> .
<i>Oncidium celticum</i> .	<i>Pandora rostrata</i> .	<i>Cardium rasticum</i> , L. ( <i>tabaculatum</i> ).
<i>Bulla hydatis</i> .	<i>Ervilia castanea</i> .	
<i>Volva patula</i> .	<i>Macra helvacea</i> .	

Of the *Gasteropoda* 54 are common to the seas both north and south of Britain; 52 range farther south, but are not found northward of these islands; and 34 which find here their southern limit occur not only in Northern Europe, but most of them in Boreal America. Nearly half of the bivalves range both north and south of Britain; 40 extend southward only, and about as many more are found in Scandinavia, 27 of them being common to N. America. (*Forbes*.)

In the lists of Arctic and Boreal shells the British species are distinguished by an asterisk.

According to Mr. M'Andrew's estimate in 1850, 406 British shell-bearing mollusca were then known, of which

217 or 53 per cent.	were common to Scandinavia.
245 or 61	" " North of Spain.
227 or 56	" " S. Spain and Medit.

The following are at present peculiar to Britain :—

<i>Assimineæ</i> , sp.	<i>Odostomia</i> , 19 sp. ?	<i>Montacuta ferruginosa</i> .
<i>Jeffreysia</i> , sp.	<i>Buccinum fusiforme</i> .	<i>Argiope cistellula</i> .
<i>Otina otis</i> .	<i>Fusus Berniciensis</i> .	<i>Pecten niveus</i> .
<i>Rissoa</i> , sp.	„ <i>Turtoni</i> .	<i>Syndosmya tenuis</i> .
<i>Stylifer turtoni</i> .	<i>Natica Kingii</i> .	<i>Thracia villosiuscula</i> .

The most common edible species are :—

<i>Ostrea edulis</i> .	<i>Mytilus edulis</i> .	<i>Fusus antiquus</i> .
<i>Pecten maximus</i> .	<i>Cardium edule</i> .	<i>Littorina littorea</i> .
„ <i>opercularis</i> .	<i>Buccinum undatum</i> .	

Amongst the species characteristic of the Celtic province—or most abundant in it—are the following :—

<i>Trochus muricatus</i> .	<i>Littorina littoralis</i> .	<i>Venus striatula</i> .
<i>Nassa reticulata</i> .	<i>Trochus Montagu</i> .	„ <i>casina</i> .
<i>Natica Montagu</i> .	„ <i>millegranus</i> .	<i>Donax anatinus</i> .
„ <i>monilifera</i> .	„ <i>tumidus</i> .	<i>Solen ensis</i> .
„ <i>nitida</i> .	<i>Patella vulgata</i> .	<i>Pholas candida</i> .
<i>Velutina lævigata</i> .	„ <i>pellucida</i> .	<i>Mactra elliptica</i> .
<i>Turritella communis</i> .	<i>Acmæa virginea</i> .	„ <i>solida</i> .
<i>Aporrhais pes-pelecani</i> .	<i>Chiton cinereus</i> .	<i>Periploma prætenula</i> .
<i>Rissoa cingillus</i> .	<i>Scaphander lignarius</i> .	<i>Thracia distorta</i> .
<i>Scalaria Trevelyana</i> .	<i>Tellina crassa</i> .	<i>Syndosmya prismatica</i> .

The wide expanse of the Baltic affords no shell-fish unknown to the coasts of Britain and Sweden. The water is brackish, becoming less salt northward, till only estuary shells are met with, and the Littorinæ and Limnæans are found living together, as in many of our own marshes. This scanty list is taken from the Memoirs of Dr. Middendorff and M. Boll.

<i>Buccinum undatum</i> .	<i>Neritina fluviatilis</i> .	<i>Tellina Balthica</i> .
<i>Purpura lapillus</i> .	<i>Limnæa auricularia</i> .	„ <i>tenuis</i> .
<i>Nassa reticulata</i> .	„ <i>ovata</i> .	<i>Scrobicularia piperata</i> .
<i>Littorina littorea</i> .	<i>Mytilus edulis</i> .	<i>Mya arenaria</i> .
<i>Patella (tarentina)</i> .	<i>Donax (trunculus)</i> .	„ <i>truncata</i> .
<i>Hydrobia muricata</i> .	<i>Cardium edule</i> var.	

Meyer and Möbius collected the following species at Kiel :—

<i>Chiton cinereus</i> .	<i>Rissoa parva</i> .	<i>Cerithium reticulatum</i> .
<i>Acmæa testudinalis</i> .	<i>Littorina littorea</i> .	<i>Nassa reticulata</i> .
<i>Rissoa labiosa</i> .	„ <i>littoralis</i> .	<i>Buccinum undatum</i> .
„ <i>inconspicua</i> .	„ <i>tenebrosa</i> .	<i>Fusus antiquus</i> .
„ <i>ulvæ</i> .	<i>Lacuna vineta</i> .	
„ <i>ventrosa</i> .	„ <i>pallidula</i> .	

#### IV. LUSITANIAN PROVINCE.

The shores of the Bay of Biscay, Portugal, the Mediterranean, and N. W. Africa, as far as Cape Juby, form one important province, extending westward in the Atlantic as far as the Gulf-

weed bank, so as to include Madeira, the Azores, and Canary Islands.\*

In the Atlantic portion of the province occur the following genera, not met with in the Celtic and Boreal seas, although two of them, *Mitra* and *Mesalia*, occur on the coast of Greenland:—

Argonauta.	Cancellaria.	Auricula.	—
Philonexis.	Sigaretus.	Pedipes.	Spondylus.
Chiroteuthis.	Crepidula.	Ringicula.	Avicula.
—	Mesalia.	Umbrella.	Solemya.
Conus.	Vermetus.	Glaucus.	Chama.
Pleurotoma.	Fossarus.	—	Crassatella.
Marginella.	Planaxis.	Carinaria.	Lithodomus.
Cymba.	Litiopa.	Firola.	Ungulina.
Mitra.	Truncatella.	Atlanta.	Galeomma.
Terebra.	Solarium.	Oxygyrus.	Cardita.
Columbella.	Bifrontia.	—	Cytherea.
Pisania.	Turbo.	Oleodora.	Petricola.
Dolium.	Monodonta.	Cuvieria.	Venerupis.
Cassis.	Haliotis.	Creseis.	Mesodeama.
Triton.	Gadinia.	—	Ervilia.
Ranella.	Siphonaria.	Megerlia.	Panopsea.

### *Spain and Portugal.*

The coast of Spain and Portugal is less known than any other part of the province, but the facilities for exploration are in some respects greater than in the Mediterranean, on account of the tides. Shell-fish are more in demand as an article of food here than with us, and the Lisbon market afforded to Mr. M'Andrew the first indication that the genus *Cymba* ranged so far north.

On the coasts of the Asturias and Gallicia, especially in Vigo Bay, Mr. M'Andrew obtained, by dredging, 212 species, of a

\* In the northern part of the Lusitanian province are the Pilchard fisheries; in the Mediterranean, the Tunny, Coral, and Sponge fisheries.

The Gulf-weed banks (represented in the map) extend from 19° to 47° in the middle of the North Atlantic, covering a space almost seven times greater than the area of France. Columbus, who first met with the *sargasso* about one hundred miles west of the Azores, was apprehensive that his ships would run upon a shoal. (*Humboldt*.) The banks are supposed by Professor E. Forbes to indicate an ancient coastline of the Lusitanian land-province, on which the weed originated. Dr. Harvey states that species of *Sargassum* abound along the shores of tropical countries, but none

at northern character, 50 per cent. of them being common to Norway, and 86 per cent. common to the south of Spain. On the southern coast of the Peninsula 353 species were recorded, of which only 28 per cent. are common to Norway and 10 per cent. to Britain.

Identical species are chiefly amongst the shells dredged at considerable depth (35—50 fathoms); the littoral species present a much more distinct aspect.

The shells of the coast of Mogador are generally identical with those of the Mediterranean and Southern Peninsula.

*Canary Islands.* The shells of the Canaries collected by MM. D'Orbigny and Berthelot,\* and described by M. D'Orbigny, amount to 170. To which Mr. M'Andrew has added above 170. Of the species 17 per cent. are common to Norway, 32 per cent. to the north, and 63 per cent. to the coasts of Spain and the Mediterranean. Two only are W. Indian shells, *Neritina viridis* and *Stellaria cribaria*. Of the African shells found here, and not elsewhere in more northern localities, the most remarkable are:—

<i>Stellaria divaricata.</i>	<i>Ranella lævigata.</i>	<i>Cymba proboscidalis.</i>
<i>Stellaria costatum.</i>	<i>Cassis flammea.</i>	<i>Conus betulinus.</i>
<i>Stellaria dansonii.</i>	„ <i>testiculus.</i>	„ <i>Promethus.</i>
<i>Stellaria nodulosum.</i>	<i>Cymba Neptuni.</i>	„ <i>Guinaicus.</i>
<i>Stellaria xatilis.</i>	„ <i>porcina.</i>	„ <i>papilionaceus.</i>

*Madeira.* Mr. M'Andrew obtained 156 species at Madeira, of which 44 per cent. are British, 70 per cent. common to the Mediterranean, and 83 to the Canaries. Amongst the latter are the two W. Indian shells before mentioned, and the following African shells:—

<i>Mitra striata.</i>	<i>Mitra fusca.</i>	<i>Patella crenata.</i>
„	„ <i>zebrina.</i>	„ <i>guttata.</i>
„	<i>Marginella guancha.</i>	„ <i>Loweii.</i>
<i>Stellaria cochlea.</i>	<i>Cancellaria.</i>	„ <i>Candei.</i>
<i>Stellaria cellana.</i>	<i>Monodonta Bertheloti.</i>	<i>Pecten corallinoides.</i>

*Species.* Amongst the littoral shells which range to the north, are *Pedipes*, *Littorina striata*, *Mitra fusca*, and *Ervilia* *sea*; the other species obtained there are Lusitanian. (M'Andrew.)

*Mediterranean fauna* is known by the researches of Poli, Chiave, Philippi, Verany, Milne-Edwards, Professor E. S. Deshayes. In its western part it is identical with that of the adjacent Atlantic coasts; the number of species increases eastward, although reinforced by a considerable

\* *Naturelle des Iles Canaries*; the list of shells is reprinted, with the additions of Mr. M'Andrew, as one of the Catalogues of the British Museum.

number of new forms as yet only known in the Mediterranean and a few accessions (about 30) of a different character from the Red Sea. The total number of shell-bearing species is estimated at 600, viz. :—

Cephalopoda .....	1	Nucleobranchiata ...	6	Lamellibranchiata .....
Pteropoda .....	12	Gasteropoda .....	370	Brachiopoda .....

On the coast of Sicily, M. Philippi has found altogether 522 marine mollusca, viz. :—

Bivalves .....	188	Pteropoda .....	13	Gasteropoda .....
Brachiopoda .....	10	Nudibranchia .....	54	Cephalopoda .....

Of the 522 which are provided with shells, 162 have not been found fossil, and are presumed to be of post-tertiary origin. The remaining 360 occur fossil in the newer tertiary strata, although nearly 200 others which are either extinct or not known on those coasts; a few of them are living in the warmer waters of Senegal, the Red Sea, and the West Indies :—

Senegal.	Antilles.	Red Sea
<i>Lucina columbella</i> .	<i>Lucina pennsylvanica</i> .	<i>Argopecten hians</i> .
<i>Cardium hians</i> .	<i>Vermistus intortus</i> .	<i>Dentalium elephantis</i> .
<i>Terebra fusca</i> .		<i>Terebra duplicata</i> .
	Morocco.	<i>Phorus aggritatus</i> .
	<i>Trochus strigosus</i> .	<i>Niso terebellum</i> .
		<i>Pecten medius</i> .
		<i>Diplodonta apicalis</i> .

Most of them, however, are of northern origin, such as

<i>Saxicava rugosa</i>	<i>Tellina crassa</i> .	<i>Rhynchonella patina</i>
( <i>Panopæa</i> ) <i>Norvegica</i> .	<i>Cyprina Islandica</i> .	<i>Patella vulgata</i> .
<i>Mya truncata</i> .	<i>Leda pygmaea</i> .	<i>Xulinella Scilla</i> .
<i>Periploma protensis</i> .	<i>Limopsis pygmaea</i> .	<i>Buccinum undatum</i> .
<i>Lutraria solenoides</i> .	<i>Ostrea edulis</i> .	<i>Fusus contrarius</i> .

Of the 522 Sicilian testacea, about 35 (including 10 species) are common to the West Indies—if the species have been correctly determined; 28 are stated, with more probability, to be common to West Africa, including *Murex Brandae* and other common species; 74, including *Murex trunculus*, are common to the Red Sea; *Crania ringens* cannot be distinguished from the species found in New South Wales (*Davidson*). *Columbella corniculata* ranges from the north coast of S.

supposed to be now peculiar to the Mediterranean; the small number of species show they are aberrant or expiring forms. *Cassidaria*, and *Thecidium* are ancient, widely-distributed genera, and the Mediterranean *Thecidium* occurs fossil in Brittany and the Canaries.

Thysanoteuthis, 2 sp.	Sceurgus, 1.	Morrisia, 2.
Verania, 1.	Pleurobranchæa, 1.	Thecidium, 1.
Dosidicus, 1.	Tethys, 1.	Seacchia, 2.
Doridium, 1.	Cassidaria, 6	
Icarus, 1.	Pedicularia, 1.	

The genera *Fasciolaria*, *Siliquaria*, *Tylodina*, *Notarchus*, *Verticordia* ? *Clavagella*, and *Crania*, occur only in this portion of the Lusitanian province.

Amongst the peculiar species are :—

<i>Nassa semistriata</i> .	<i>Argiope cuneata</i> .	<i>Artemis lupinus</i> .
<i>Fusus crispus</i> .	<i>Clavigella angulata</i> .	<i>Trigona nitidula</i> .
<i>Tylodina Rafinesquii</i> .	<i>Spondylus Gussonii</i> .	<i>Lucinopsis decussata</i> .
<i>Crania rostrata</i> .	<i>Astarte bipartita</i> .	

*Ægean Sea*. Prof. E. Forbes obtained 450 species of mollusca in the *Ægean*, belonging to the following orders :—

Cephalopoda .....	4	Nudibranchs .....	15	Brachiopoda .....	8
Pteropoda .....	8	Opisthobranchs.....	28	Lamellibranchs .....	143
Nucleobranchs .....	7	Prosobranchs .....	217	Tunicata .....	22

Of these 71 were new species, but several have since been found in the Atlantic, and even in Scotland.\* The only marine air-breather met with was *Auricula myosotis*.

*Black Sea*. In the northern part a few Aralo-Caspian shells are found, otherwise the Black Sea only differs from the Mediterranean in the paucity of its species; Dr. Middendorff enumerates 68 only. The water is less salt, and there is no tide, but a current flows constantly through the Dardanelles to the Mediterranean.†

Lorenz‡ found 178 molluscs at Quarnero, of which 75 were bivalves, and 88 univalves; 75 of them extended their range into the *Ægean Sea*, 58 into the Boreal province. Few only appeared to be peculiar to the Adriatic.

\* Trans. Brit. Assoc. (for 1843), 1844, p. 130.

† A current from the Atlantic sets in perpetually through the Straits of Gibraltar, and there is scarcely any tide; it only amounts to one foot at Naples and the Euripus, two feet at Messina, and five at Venice and the Bay of Tunis.

‡ *Physikalische Verhältnisse und Vertheilung der Organismen im Quarnerischen Golfe*. Wien, 1862.

## V. ARALO-CASPIAN PROVINCE.

The only inland salt-seas that contain peculiar shell-fauna are the Aral and Caspian. The shells chiefly consist of a remnant group of Cockles which burrow in the mud (see fig. 213, p. 66). No explorations have been made with the dredge, but some species, probably still existing in these seas, have been found in the beds of horizontal limestone which form their banks and extend in all directions far over the *steppes*. This limestone of brackish water origin, being sometimes composed of marls of *Cyclades*, or the shells of *Dreissena* and *Cardium*, as islets near Astrakhan. It is believed to indicate the former existence of a great inland sea, of which the Aral and Caspian are remnants, but which was larger than the present Mediterranean at an age previous to that of the Mammoth and St. Rhinoceros. The present level of the Caspian is 83 feet below that of the Black Sea; that of the Aral has been stated to be 117 feet higher than the Caspian, but is probably not so different; their waters are only brackish, and in some places drinkable. The steppe limestone rises to a level of 200 feet above the Caspian; it spreads eastward to the mountains of the Hindoo Kush and Chinese Tartary, southward to Daghestan and the low region E. of Tiflis, and westward to the northern shores of the Black Sea. The extent to which this has been traced is represented by oblique lines on the map. Some of the Caspian shells still exist in the Sea of Azof and the estuaries of the Dnieper and Dniester. Our information concerning this seldom-visited region is derived from the works of F. Eichwald,† Krynicki,‡ Middendorff, and Sir Roderick Murchison.

*Aralo-Caspian Shells.*

A, Aral; C, Caspian; B, Black Sea.

The Species marked \* are found also in the Steppe limestone.

\**Cardium edule*, L. C. (very small) B. Baltic.

„ *edule*, var. (*rusticum*, Chemn.) A. G. B. Icy Sea.

\**Didacna trigonoides*, Pal. C. (Azof. M. Hommaire).

„ *Eichwaldi*, Kryn. (*crassa*, Eich.) C. B. (Nikolski).

*Monodacna Caspia*, Eich. C.

„ *pseudo-cardium*, Desh. (*pontica*, Eich.) B.

*Adacna levius* Desh. Eich. C.

- \* *Adacna edentula*, Pallas. C.
  - „ *plicata*, Eich. C. B. (Dniester, Akerman, Odessa).
  - „ *colorata*, Eich. C. B. (Azof, Dnieper).
  - \* *Mytilus edulis*, L. C. C. (not in Middendorff's list).
  - „ *latus*, Chemn. B.
  - \* *Dreissena polymorpha*, Pal. C. B.
- 
- Paludinella stagnalis*, L. (pusilla Eich.) C. B. (Odessa) Ochotak.
  - \* „ *variabilis*, Eich. C.
  - \* *Neritina liturata*, Eich. C. on sea-weed.
  - \* *Rissoa Caspia*, Eich. C.
  - „ *oblonga*, Desm. B.
  - „ *cylindracea*, Kryn. B.\*

The following species are described by Eichwald, from the steppe limestone. (Murchison, Russia, p. 297.)

<i>Paludina</i> "Triton.	—————	<i>Donax priscus</i> .
„ <i>exigua</i> .	<i>Macra Caspia</i> .	<i>Monodacna propinqua</i> .
<i>Rissoa conus</i> .	„ <i>Karagana</i> .	„ <i>intermedia</i> .
„ <i>dimidiatus</i> .	<i>Cyclas Usturtensis</i> .	„ <i>Catillus</i> .
<i>Paludina Usturtensis</i> .	<i>Mytilus rostriformis</i> .	<i>Adacna prostrata</i> .

No other inland bodies of salt water are known to have peculiar marine shells; those of the modern deposits, in Mesopotamia (at Sinkra and Warka), collected by Mr. W. K. Loftus, are species still abounding in the Persian Gulf.†

## VI. WEST AFRICAN PROVINCE.

The tropical coast of Western Africa is rich in conchological treasures, and far from being wholly explored. The researches of Adanson,‡ Cranch (the naturalist to the Congo expedition§), and the officers of the Niger expedition, have left much to be done. Dr. Dunker has described 149 species in his *Index Moll. Guineæ, coll. Tams*. Cassel, 1853.

At *St. Helena*, Mr. Cuming collected 16 species of sea-shells, 7 of them new. *Littorina Helenæ* is found on the shore of *St. Helena*, and *L. miliaris* and *Nerita Ascensionis*, at *Ascension*.

\* The *Velutina* (*Limneria*) *Caspiensis*. A. Ad. was founded on a specimen of *Limnaea Gebleri*, Midd. (1851), from Bernaoul, Siberia.

† A species of coral (*Porites elongata*, Lam.), now living at the Seychelles, has been said to be found in the Dead Sea (v. Humboldt's Views of Nature, Bohn ed. p. 260); also *Melania costata* and *M. Jordanica*, according to M. Schubert.

‡ Hist. Nat. de Senegal, 4to. Paris, 1757. This able but eccentric naturalist destroyed the utility of his own writings by refusing to adopt the bi-nomial nomenclature of LINNÆUS, and employing instead the most barbarous chance-combinations of letters he could invent.

§ Appendix to Captain Tuckey's Narrative (1818), by Dr. Leach.



*West African Shells.*

<i>Onychoteuthis</i> , 3 sp.	<i>Marginella</i> .	<i>Pecten</i> - <i>bbus</i> .
<i>Cranchia</i> , 2 sp.	<i>Persicula</i> .	<i>Arca</i> v n r <i>cosa</i> .
<i>Strombus rosaceus</i> .	<i>Pleurotoma mitriformis</i> .	„ <i>senilis</i> .
<i>Triton ficoides</i> .	<i>Tomella lineata</i> .	<i>Cardium ringens</i> .
<i>Ranella quercina</i> .	<i>Clavatula mitra</i> .	„ <i>costatum</i> .
<i>Dolium tessellatum</i> .	„ <i>coronata</i> .	<i>Lucina columbella</i> .
<i>Harpa rosea</i> .	„ <i>bimarginata</i> .	<i>Ungulina rubra</i> .
<i>Oliva hiatula</i> .	„ <i>virginea</i> .	<i>Diplodonta rosea</i> .
<i>Pusionella</i> .	<i>Conus papilionaceus</i> .	<i>Cardita ajar</i> .
<i>Nassa Pfeifferi</i> .	„ <i>genuinus</i> .	<i>Artemis africana</i> .
<i>Desmoulinia</i> .	„ <i>testudinarius</i> .	„ <i>torrida</i> .
<i>Purpura nodosa</i> .	„ <i>achatinus</i> .	<i>Cyclina Adansonii</i> .
<i>Rapana bezoar</i> .	„ <i>monachus</i> .	<i>Trigona bicolor</i> .
<i>Murex vitulinus</i> .	<i>Natica fulminea</i> .	„ <i>tripia</i> .
„ <i>angularis</i> .	<i>Cypræa stercoraria</i> .	<i>Cytherea tumens</i> .
„ <i>megaceros</i> .	„ <i>picta</i> .	„ <i>africana</i> .
„ <i>rosarius</i> .	<i>Vermetus lumbricalis</i> .	<i>Venus plicata</i> .
„ <i>duplex</i> .	<i>Cerithium Adansonii</i> .	<i>Tellina</i> .
„ <i>cornutus</i> .	<i>Turritella torulosa</i> .	<i>Strigilla Senegalensis</i> .
<i>Clavella?</i> <i>filosa</i> .	<i>Mesalia</i> .	<i>Gastrana polygona</i> .
„ <i>afra</i> .	<i>Littorina punctata</i> .	<i>Macra depressa</i> .
<i>Lagena nassa</i> .	<i>Collonia</i> .	„ <i>rugosa</i> .
<i>Terebra striatula</i> .	<i>Clanculus villanus</i> .	„ <i>nitida</i> .
„ <i>ferruginea</i> .	<i>Haliotis virginea</i> .	<i>Pholas clausa</i> .
? <i>Halia priamus</i> .	„ <i>coccinea</i> .	<i>Tugonia anatina</i> .
<i>Mitra nigra</i> .	<i>Nerita Senegalensis</i> .	—
<i>Cymba</i> .	„ <i>Ascensionis</i> .	<i>Discina radiosa</i> .

## VII. SOUTH AFRICAN PROVINCE.

The fauna of South Africa, beyond the tropic, possesses few characters in common with that of the western coast, and is more like the Indian Ocean fauna, as might be expected from the direction of the currents. But, together with these it has a large assemblage of marine animals found nowhere else, and the "Cape of Storms" forms a barrier between the populations of the two great oceans, scarcely less complete than the far-projecting promontory of South America. The coast is generally rocky, and there are no coral-reefs; accumulations of sand are frequent, and sometimes very extensive, like the Agulhas Bank. The few deep-sea shells which have been obtained off these banks possess considerable interest, but explorations in boats are said to be difficult, and often impossible on account of the surf. Shells from the Cape are too frequently dead and water-worn specimens picked up on the beach. The shell-fish of South Africa have been collected and described by Owen Stanley, *Hinds*, A. Adams, and especially by Dr. Krauss, who has

ed a very complete monograph.\* Of 400 sea-shells  
 ed in this work, above 200 are peculiar, and most of these  
 to a few littoral genera. Only 11 species are common  
 coast of Senegal, whilst 18 are found in the Red Sea; 15  
 are said to be found in Europe; all the others, not pecu-  
 exist on the E. coast of Africa.

*South African Shells.*

a natalensis.	Patella apicina.	Cominella tigrina.
arginatus.	„ longicosta.	Bullia lævissima.
spengleri.	„ pectinata, &c.	„ achatina.
a ventricosa.	Siphonaria, 5 sp.	„ natalensis.
pulchra, Hinds.	Pupillia (aperta).	Nassa plicosa.
has bank, 70 fm.)	Fissurella, 10 sp.	„ capensis.
ulus Belcheri, 120	Crepidula, 4 sp.	Cyclonassa Kraussi.
	Haliotis sanguinea.	Eburna papillaris.
Capensis.	Delphinula granulosa.	Columbella, 5 sp.
pelagica, Forbes.	„ cancellata.	Ancillaria obtusa.
Kraussi.	Trochus, 23 sp.	Mitra, 5 sp.
—	Turbo sarmaticus.	Imbricaria carbonacea.
tulina abyssicola,	Littorina Africana 7 sp.	Voluta armata.
n.	Phasianella, 6 sp.	„ scapha.
tella (Kraussia).	Bankivia varians.	„ abyssicola, 132 fm.
rubra.	Turritella, 4 sp.	Marginella rosea.
cognata.	Pleurotoma, 6 sp.	Trivia ovulata.
pisum.	Clionello (sinuata).	Cypræa, 23 sp.
Deshayesii,	Typhis arcuatus.	Luponia algoënsis.
120 fm.	Triton dolarius.	Cyprovulum (capense).
—	„ flicilis, 50-60 fm.	Conus, 8 sp.
16 sp.	Harpa crassa.	—
, 20 sp.	Cominella ligata.	Octopus argus.
cochlea.	„ lagenaria.	Sepia, 4 sp.
compressa.	„ limbosa.	

following are stated to be common to the Cape and Euro-  
 seas.†

a (arctica?) Greenland, Medit.	Chama gryphoides, Medit. Red Sea.
fabula, Brit. Medit.	Pecten pusio, Brit.
lactea, Medit. Red Sea.	—
fragilis, Medit.	Diphyllidia (lineata?) N. Brit. Medit.
verrucosa, W. Indies? Brit. Senegal,	Eulima nitida, Medit.
ries, Red Sea, Australia?	Purpura lapillus?? (not in Medit.)
nullastra, North Sea.	Nassa marginulata.
geographica, Medit.	Octopus vulgaris? Brit.
ctea, Medit.	Argonauta argo, Medit.

VIII. INDO-PACIFIC PROVINCE.

is is by far the most extensive area over which similar  
 -fish and other marine animals are distributed. It extends  
 Australia to Japan, and from the Red Sea and east coast

e Südafrikanischen Mollusken, 4to. Stutt. 1848.

arks of doubt are added to some of the species, and others are omitted.

of Africa to Easter Island in the Pacific, embracing three-fifths of the circumference of the globe and 45° of latitude. This great region might, indeed, be subdivided into a number of smaller provinces, each having a particular association of species and some peculiar shells, such as the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf, Madagascar, &c.; but a considerable number of species are found throughout the province, and their general character is the same.\* Mr. Cuming obtained more than 100 species of shells from the eastern coast of Africa, identical with those collected by himself at the Philippines, and in the eastern coral islands of the Pacific.† This is pre-eminently the region of coral reefs, and of such shell-fish as affect their shelter. The number of species inhabiting it must amount to several thousands. The Philippine Islands have afforded the greatest variety, but their apparent superiority is due, in a measure, to the researches of Mr. Cuming; no other portion of the province has been so thoroughly explored.‡

Amongst the genera most characteristic of the Indo-Pacific, those marked (\*) are wholly wanting on the coasts of the Atlantic, but half of them occur fossil in the older tertiaries of Europe. Those in *italics* are also found on the west coast of America.

*Nautilus.	*Magilus.	Stomatella.	Hemicardium.
*Pteroceras.	*Melo.	Gena.	*Cypricardia.
*Rimella.	<i>Mitra</i> .	*Broderipia.	*Cardilia.
*Rostellaria.	*Cylindra.	*Rimula.	*Verticordia.
*Serapha.	*Imbricaria.	*Neritopsis.	*Pythina.
<i>Conus</i> .	Ovulum.	*Soutellina.	Circe.
<i>Pleurotoma</i> .	*Pyrula (type).	*Linteria.	*Clementia.
*Clithra.	*Monoptygma.	*Dolabella.	*Glaucomya.
*Clavella.	Pharus.	*Hemipecten.	*Merca.
*Turbinella (typ.)	Siliquaria.	*Placuna.	Anatinella.
Cyllene.	*Quoyia.	*Malleus.	Onitellus.
Eburna.	*Tectaria.	*Vulsella.	*Anatina.
<i>Phos</i> .	<i>Imperator</i> .	*Pedum.	*Oberea.
Dolium.	Monodonta.	*Septifer.	*Aspergillum.
<i>Harpa</i> .	Delphinula.	*Oculina.	*Jocannetia.
*Ancillaria.	<i>Liota</i> .	*Hippopus.	*Lingula.
*Ricinula.	*Stomatia.	*Tridacna.	<i>Discina</i> .

The strictly littoral species vary on each great line of coast: for example, *Littorina intermedia* and *Tectaria pagodus* occur on

the east coast of Africa; *Littorina conica* and *melanostoma*, in the Bay of Bengal; *Littorina sinensis* and *castanea*, and *Haliotis venusta*, on the coast of China; *Littorina scabra* and *H. squamata*, in N. Australia; *H. asinina*, New Guinea; and *L. picta*, at the Sandwich Islands.

*Red Sea (Erythræan).*

Of the 408 mollusca of the Red Sea, collected by Ehrenberg and Hemprich, 74 are common to the Medit., from which it would seem that these seas have communicated since the first appearance of some existing shells. Of the species common to the two seas 40 are Atlantic shells which have migrated into the Red Sea by way of the Medit., probably during the newer pliocene period; the others are Indo-Pacific shells which extended their range to the Mediterranean at an earlier ago.

The genera wanting in the Medit. but existing in the Red Sea, show most strikingly their diversity of character, and the affinity of the latter to the Indian fauna.

<i>Pteroceras.</i>	<i>Ancillaria.</i>	<i>Siphonaria.</i>	<i>Limopsis.</i>
<i>Strombus</i> , 8 sp.	<i>Harpa.</i>	<i>Placuna.</i>	<i>Tridacna.</i>
<i>Rostellaria.</i>	<i>Ricinula.</i>	<i>Plicatula.</i>	<i>Crassatella.</i>
<i>Turbinella.</i>	<i>Magilus.</i>	<i>Pedum.</i>	<i>Trigona.</i>
<i>Terebra.</i>	<i>Pyramidella.</i>	<i>Malleus.</i>	<i>Sanguinolaria.</i>
<i>Eburna.</i>	<i>Parmophorus.</i>	<i>Vulsella.</i>	<i>Anatina.</i>
<i>Oliva.</i>	<i>Nerita.</i>	<i>Perna.</i>	<i>Aspergillum.</i>

Other genera become abundant, such as *Conus*, of which there are 19 species in the Red Sea, *Cypræa* 16, *Mitra* 10, *Cerithium* 17, *Pinna* 10, *Chama* 5, *Circe* 10.

*Persian Gulf.*

The marine zoology of the Persian Gulf and adjoining coast has not been yet explored.\* The following shells were picked up on the beach at Kurrachee by Major Baker, with many others evidently new, but not in a satisfactory state for description. (1850.)

<i>Rostellaria curta.</i>	<i>Purpura persica.</i>	<i>Sigaretus</i> sp.
<i>Murex tenuispina</i> var.	„ <i>carinifera.</i>	<i>Odostomia</i> sp.
<i>Pisania spiralis.</i>	<i>Columbella blanda.</i>	<i>Phorus corrugatus.</i>
<i>Ranella tuberculata.</i>	<i>Oliva subulata.</i>	<i>Planaxis sulcata.</i>
„ <i>spinosa.</i>	„ <i>Indusica.</i>	<i>Imperator Sauliæ.</i>
„ <i>crumena.</i>	„ <i>ancillaroides.</i>	<i>Monodonta</i> sp.
<i>Triton lampas.</i>	<i>Cypræa Lamarckii.</i>	<i>Haliotis</i> sp.
<i>Bullia</i> sp.	„ <i>ocellata.</i>	<i>Stomatella imbricata.</i>
<i>Eburna spirata.</i>	<i>Natica pellis-tigrina.</i>	„ <i>sulcifera.</i>

\* The "Brindled Cowry" (*Cypræa princeps*), from the Persian Gulf, was valued at £50.

<i>Pisarella Ruppellii</i> .	<i>Cardium impositum</i> .	<i>Tellina capaxoides</i> .
" <i>Indurata</i> .	" <i>pallidum</i> .	<i>Mesodonta Hornfeldii</i> .
" <i>sclerota</i> .	" <i>assimile</i> .	<i>Psammobla</i> sp.
" <i>dactylosa</i> .	<i>Venus pinguis</i> .	<i>Synedemys</i> sp.
" <i>funiculata</i> .	" <i>cor</i> .	<i>Semele</i> sp.
<i>Pileopoda tricurinatus</i> .	" <i>purpurata</i> .	<i>Solen</i> sp.
<i>Nerita ustulata</i> .	<i>Meroë Solandri</i> .	<i>Solecurtus politus</i> .
<i>Dentalium octangulatum</i> .	" <i>effusa</i> .	<i>Donax scortum</i> .
<i>Ringicula</i> sp.	<i>Trigona trigonella</i> ?	" <i>scalpellum</i> .
<i>Bulla ampulla</i> .	<i>Arctia angulosa</i> .	<i>Sanguinolaria diplos</i> .
<i>Anomia u. luea</i> .	" <i>exasperata</i> .	" <i>violacea</i> .
" <i>enigmatica</i> .	" <i>subrosea</i> ?	" <i>sinuata</i> .
<i>Pecten</i> sp.	<i>Venerupis</i> sp.	<i>Costula</i> sp.
<i>Spondylus</i> sp.	<i>Petricola</i> sp.	<i>Diplodonta</i> sp.
<i>Pileatula depressa</i> .	<i>Tapes sulcosa</i> .	<i>Anatina rostrata</i> .
<i>Mytilus canaliculatus</i> .	" <i>Malabarica</i> .	<i>Pandora</i> sp.
<i>Arca obliquata</i> .	<i>Cypricardia vellicata</i> .	<i>Martesia</i> sp.
" <i>sculptilis</i> , &c.	<i>Cardita crassirostrata</i> ?	<i>Pholas australis</i> .
<i>Chama</i> sp.	" <i>calyculata</i> .	" <i>Bakeri</i> , Desh.
<i>Lucina</i> sp.	" <i>Taukervillii</i> .	" <i>orientalis</i> .
<i>Cardium ambriatum</i> .	<i>Macra Egyptica</i> , &c.	( <i>Meleagrina</i> v. p. 416).
" <i>latum</i> .	<i>Tellina angulata</i> .	

At the *Cargados* or St. Brandon shoals, north of Mauritius *Voluta costata*, *Conus verrucosus*, *Pleurotoma virgo*, and *Turbinella Belcheri* have been obtained by dredging.

Collections of marine shells have been made at Madagascar and the Mascarene Islands by Sganzin, and at the Seychelles Dufo. The number obtained at the latter place was 26; which 220 were univalves. Two of the univalves, viz., *Doligostoma* and *Cypræa helvola*, and two of the bivalves, are found in the Mediterranean.

## IX. AUSTRALO-ZELANDIC PROVINCE.

Most remote from the Celtic seas, this province is also unlike them in its fauna, containing many genera wholly unknown in Europe, either living or fossil, and some which are fossil in rocks of a remote period. The province includes Zealand, Tasmania, and extra-tropical Australia, from the Cape, on the east, to the Swan River. The shells, which are nearly all peculiar, have been catalogued by Gray,\* Menzies and Forbes.† Of the following genera some are peculiar

•Pinnoctopus.	•Macgillivraia.	Cypricardia.	Imperator.
•Struthiolaria.	•Amphibola.	Mesodesma.	Monoptygma.
Phasianella.	•Trigonia.	Terebratella.	Siphonaria.
Elenchus.	•Chamostrea.	Spirula.	Pandora.
Bankivia.	•Myadora.	Oliva.	Anatinella.
Rotella.	•Myochama.	Conus.	Clavagella.
•Macroechisma.	Crassatella.	Voluta.	Placunomia.
Parmophorus.	Cardita.	Terebra.	Waldheimia.
Risella.	Circe.	Fasciolaria.	Crania.

Some of the genera of this province are only met with elsewhere at a considerable distance :—

Solenella—Chili.	Bankivia—Cape.	Rhynchonella—Arctic seas.
Panopæa—Japan.	Kraussia—Cape.	Trophon—Fuegia; „
Monoceros—Patagonia.	Solemya—Medit.	Assimineæ—India; Brit.

Amongst the littoral shells of South Australia are *Haliotis elegans*, *H. rubicunda*, and *Littorina rugosa*. *Haliotis iris* and *Littorina squalida* are found on the shores of N. Zealand; and *Cyprovula umbilicata* in Tasmania.

Mr. Gray's New Zealand list amounts to 104 marine species, among which are three volutes, including *V. magnifica*, the largest of its genus; *Strombus troglodytes*, *Ranella argus*, the great *Triton variegatus*; 6 Cones (all doubtful), *Oliva erythrostoma*, *Cypræa caput-serpentis*, *Ancillaria australis*, *Imperator heliotropium*, *Chiton monticularis*, &c.

*Venus Stutchburyi* and *Modiolarca trapezina* have been found at Kerguelen's Id. and *Patella illuminata* at the Auckland Ids.

## X. JAPONIC PROVINCE.

The Japanese Islands and Corea represent the Japonic province. Our knowledge of its molluscan fauna is still scanty, notwithstanding the successful researches of Mr. Adams. Upwards of 130 species were collected in the harbour of Decima, by Dr. Nuhn, of which 113 were Prosobranchiates.

Octopus areolatus.	Purpura, 5 sp.	Haliotis Japonica.
Sepia chrysophthalma.	Fusus.	„ discus.
Sepiola Japonica.	Cancellaria nodulifera.	„ gigantea.
—	Mitra.	Bulla Coreanica.
Conus Sieboldi.	Strombus corrugatus.	Siphonaria Coreanica.
Pleurotoma Coreanica.	Cypræa fimbriata.	Pecten asperulatus.
Terebra serotina.	„ miliaris.	„ Japonicus.
„ stylata.	Mangelia, 4 sp.	Spondylus Cumingii.
Eburna Japonica.	Triforis, 5 sp.	Nucula mirabilis.
Cassia Japonica.	Natica, 5 sp.	„ Japonica.
Murex eurypterus.	Trochus, 15 sp.	Cardium Bechei.
„ rorifluus.	Radius birostris.	Crassatella compressa.
„ plorator.	Cerithium longicaudatum.	Diplodonta alata.
„ Burnesi.	Imperator Guilfordiæ.	„ Coreanica.

<i>Isocardia Mollkiana.</i>	<i>Artemis Sieboldi.</i>	<i>Panopaea Japonica.</i>
<i>Venus Japonica.</i>	" <i>Japonica.</i>	<i>Terebratalina Japonica.</i>
<i>Cyclina orientalis.</i>	<i>Circe Stanseri.</i>	" <i>angusta.</i>
<i>Cytherea petechialis.</i>	<i>Tapes Japonica.</i>	<i>Waldheimia Grayi.</i>
<i>Artemis sericea.</i>	<i>Petricola radiata.</i>	<i>Terebratalia Coreanica.</i>
" <i>bilunata.</i>	<i>Solen albidus.</i>	" <i>rubella.</i>

## XI. ALEUTIAN PROVINCE.

The Boreal province is represented on the northern coasts of the Pacific, where, according to Dr. Middendorff, the same genera and many identical species are found. In addition to those indicated in the Arctic list (p. 57), the following species occur at the Shantar Ids. in the Sea of Ochotsk (O), Saghalien, the Kuriles (K), Aleutians and Sitka (S).

<i>Patella (scurra). S.</i>	<i>Fusus Behringii.</i>
<i>Acmæa, 3 sp. S.</i>	" <i>Bacul. A.</i>
<i>Platidium commodum. O.</i>	" <i>luridus. S.</i>
<i>Paludinella. 3 sp. O.</i>	<i>Buccinum undatum var. Schantaricum.</i>
<i>Littorina, 6 sp. O. K. S.</i>	" <i>simplex. O.</i>
<i>Turritella Eschrichtii. O.</i>	" <i>Ochotense.</i>
<i>Margarita sulcata. A.</i>	" <i>cancellatum. A.</i>
<i>Trochus, 6 sp. S.</i>	" <i>ovoides. O.</i>
<i>Scalaria Ochotensis.</i>	<i>Planis scabra. A.</i>
<i>Crepidula Sitkana.</i>	<i>Bulla ampullacea. O.</i>
" <i>minuta. S.</i>	<i>Onychoteuthis Kamtschatica.</i>
" <i>grandis. A.</i>	
<i>Planorbella violacea. S.</i>	<i>Terebratalia frontalis. O.</i>
" <i>aspera. S.</i>	<i>Placunomia macrochisma. O.</i>
<i>Halotis Kamtschatica.</i>	<i>Pecten rubidus. S.</i>
" <i>aquatilis. K.</i>	<i>Crenella verrucosa. O.</i>
<i>Velutina coriacea. K.</i>	" <i>sultellus. Kamt.</i>
" <i>cryptospira. O.</i>	<i>Nucula castrensis. S.</i>
<i>Trichotropis inermis. S.</i>	<i>Pectunculus septentrionalis. A.</i>
<i>Purpura decemcostata. (Mld.) S.</i>	<i>Cardita borealis. O.</i>
" <i>Freyineti. O. S.</i>	<i>Cardium Nuttalli. S.</i>
" <i>septentrionalis. S.</i>	" <i>Californicum. S.</i>
<i>Pleurotoma Schantarica.</i>	<i>Saxidomus Petiti. S.</i>
" <i>simplex. O.</i>	" <i>giganteus. S.</i>
<i>Murex monodon. S.</i>	<i>Petricola cylindracea. S.</i>
" <i>lactuca. S.</i>	" <i>gibba. S.</i>
<i>Fusus (Chrysodomus) Stichenalis.</i>	<i>Tellina lutea. A. nasuta. S.</i>
" <i>decemcostatus. A.</i>	" <i>edentula. A.</i>
" <i>Schantaricus.</i>	<i>Lutraria maxima. S.</i>

The influence of the Asiatic coast-current is shown in the presence of two species of *Halotis*, which exhibit affinity with the fauna

Additional information on the fauna of this province has been recently supplied by Mr. Lord, the naturalist to the British North American Boundary Commission Expedition, and by Dr. Kennerley, the naturalist to the American North-west Boundary Exploring Expedition. The results obtained are discussed by Dr. P. P. Carpenter.\*

*Provinces on the Western Coast of America.*

The mollusca of the Western coast of America are equally distinct from those of the Atlantic and those inhabiting the central parts of the Pacific.

Mr. Darwin states in his Journal (p. 391) that "not one single sea-shell is known to be common to the Islands of the Pacific and to the west coast of America," and he adds that "after the comparison by Messrs. Cuming and Hinds of about 2000 shells from the Eastern and Western coasts of America, only one single shell was found in common, namely the *Purpura patula*, which inhabits the West Indies, the coast of Panama, and the Galapagos." Even this single identification has since been doubted. Mr. Cuming, who resided many years at Valparaiso, did not discover any West India specimens on that coast, and M. D'Orbigny makes the same observation. On the other hand M. Mörch, of Copenhagen, says he has received *Tellina operculata* and *Mactra alata* from the west coast and also from Brazil; and M. Deshayes gives the following extraordinary ranges in his "Catalogue of *Veneridæ* in the British Museum":—

*Artemis angulosa*, Philippines—Chili.

*Cytherea umbonella*, Red Sea—Brazil.

„ *maculata*, W. Indies—Philippines, Sandwich.

„ *circinata*, W. Indies—West coast America.

In these instances there is doubtless some mistake, either about the locality or the shell. As regards the last, Mr. Carrick Moore has shown that the error has arisen from confounding the *Cytherea alternata* of Broderip with *C. circinata* of Born. M. D'Orbigny collected 628 species on the coast of S. America, —180 from the eastern side, and 447 from the Pacific coast, besides the *Siphonaria Lessonii* which ranges from Valparaiso in Chili to Maldonado on the coast of Uruguay.† These shells belong to 110 genera, of which 55 are common to both coasts,

\* British Association Report for 1863.

† The dispersion of this coast shell may perhaps have taken place at the time when the channel of the river S. Cruz formed a strait, joining the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, like that of Magellan. (Darwin, p. 181.) Mr. Couthouy makes 3 sp.—*Siphonaria Lessonii*, nearly smooth, Atlantic coast; *S. antarctica*, ribbed, Pacific coast; and *S. lateralis*, thin, oblique, Fuegia.



while 34 are peculiar to the Pacific, and 21 to the Atlantic side of S. America; an extraordinary amount of diversity, attributable partly to the different character of the two coasts—the eastern low, sandy or muddy; the western rocky, with deep water near the shore.\*

The comparison of the shells of Eastern and Western America is of considerable interest to geologists; for if it is true that any number of living species are common to the Pacific and Atlantic shores, it becomes probable that some portion of the Isthmus of Darien has been submerged *since* the Eocene Tertiary period. Any opening in this barrier would allow the Equatorial current to pass through into the Pacific—there would be no more Gulf stream—and the climate of Britain might, from this cause alone, become like that of Newfoundland at the present day.

Although geological researches seem to show that not only the Isthmus of Darien, but even the Rocky Mountains, were sufficiently submerged during the Miocene Epoch to allow of the free intermingling of the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific, yet the special temperate molluscan fauna of E. and W. America are very dissimilar. There are no grounds for believing a single species to be identical. There are, however, a large number of species (upwards of 50) living on both sides of the *northern* portion of the continent, and the majority of these exist in the British seas.

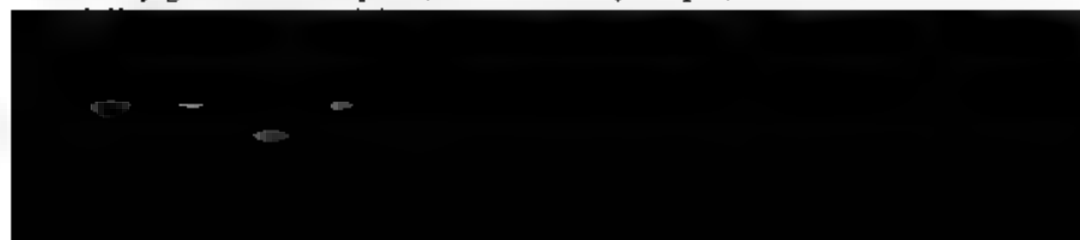
## XII. CALIFORNIAN PROVINCE.

The shells of Oregon and California have been collected and described by Mr. Hinds,† Mr. Nuttall,‡ Mr. Conthony, naturalist of the American Exploring Expedition;§ Mr. Cooper, Dr. Gould, Mr. Binney,|| Dr. Kennerley, Colonel Jewitt, and others.¶

### *Shells common to U. California and Sitka. (Middendorff.)*

<i>Littorina modesta.</i>	<i>Trochus ater.</i>	<i>Trochus euryomphalus.</i>
" <i>aspera.</i>	" <i>maestus.</i>	<i>Petricola cylindracea.</i>
<i>Fissurella violacea.</i>	" <i>Fokkei.</i>	<i>Lutraria maxima.</i>
" <i>aspera.</i>		

\* Voyage dans l'Amérique Méridionale. 1847, t. v. p. v.



scarcely any species are common to this province (extending from Puget Sound to the peninsula) and the Bay of California, which belongs to the Panamic province. The most important genera are *Chiton*, 18 species; *Acmaea*, 11 species; *Fissurella*, 6 species; *Haliotis*, 6 species; *Trochus*, 15 species; *Purpura*, 9 species. The following list probably contains some shells which should be referred to the Panamic province.

<i>Fusus Oregonensis</i> .	<i>Chiton scrobiculatus</i> , &c.	<i>Saxidomus giganteus</i> .
<i>Murex Nuttalli</i> .	<i>Cleodora exacuta</i> .	<i>Venerupis cordieri</i> .
<i>Monoceros unicarinatus</i> .	—	<i>Petricola mirabilis</i> .
„ <i>punctatus</i> .	<i>Waldheimia Californica</i> .	<i>Macra</i> , 2. <i>Donax</i> , 1.
<i>Cancellaria urceolata</i> .	<i>Discina Evansii</i> .	<i>Tellina Bodegensis</i> .
<i>Trivia Californica</i> .	—	„ <i>secta</i> , &c.
<i>Natica herculea</i> .	<i>Anomia pernoides</i> .	<i>Semele decisa</i> .
„ <i>Lewisii</i> .	<i>Placunomia cepa</i> .	<i>Cumingia Californica</i> .
<i>Calyptraea fastigiata</i> .	<i>Hinnites giganteus</i> .	<i>Sanguinolaria Nuttalli</i> .
<i>Crepidula exuviate</i> .	<i>Perna</i> , 1. <i>Pinna</i> , 2.	<i>Lutraria Nuttalli</i> .
„ <i>navicelloides</i> .	<i>Mytilus</i> , 1. <i>Pecten</i> , 2.	<i>Platyodon cancellatus</i> .
„ <i>solida</i> , &c.	<i>Mytilimeria Nuttalli</i> .	<i>Amphichæna Kindermanni</i> .
<i>Imperator Buschii</i> .	<i>Modiola capax</i> .	<i>Lyonsia</i> , 1. <i>Thracia</i> , 1.
<i>Haliotis Cracherodii</i> .	<i>Chama lobata</i> .	<i>Pandora</i> , 1. <i>Saxicava</i> , 2.
„ <i>fulgens</i> .	<i>Cardita ventricosa</i> .	<i>Cyathodonta undulata</i> .
„ <i>corrugata</i> .	<i>Cardium</i> , 4.	<i>Sphenia Californica</i> .
<i>Fissurella crenulata</i> .	<i>Lucina</i> , 3.	<i>Periploma argentaria</i> .
„ <i>cucullata</i> .	<i>Chironia Laperousii</i> .	<i>Solecuretus subteres</i> .
<i>Puncturella</i> , 2 sp.	<i>Solecardia eburnea</i> .	<i>Machaera lucida</i> .
<i>Dentalium politum</i> .	<i>Venus Californiensis</i> .	„ <i>maxima</i> .
<i>Patella</i> , 15 sp.	„ <i>callosa</i> .	<i>Mya truncata</i> .
<i>Acmaea scabra</i> .	<i>Artemis ponderosa</i> .	<i>Panopæa generosa</i> .
„ <i>pintadina</i> .	<i>Saxidomus Petiti</i> .	<i>Pholas Californica</i> .
<i>Chiton Mertensii</i> .	„ <i>Nuttalli</i> .	„ <i>concamerata</i> .

### XIII. PANAMIC PROVINCE.

The Western coast of America, from the Gulf of California to Payta in Peru, forms one of the largest and most distinct provinces. The shells of Mazatlan and the Gulf have been imperfectly catalogued by Menke. The Mazatlan mollusks have been examined by Mr. P. P. Carpenter, who enumerates 654 species. The total number of marine shells known belonging to this province is 1,341. Amongst these are included 27 Chitonidæ, 13 Acmaeidæ, 18 Fissurellidæ, 64 Trochoidæ, 28 Calyptræidæ, 69 Pyramidellidæ, 59 Buccinidæ, and 90 Muri-cidæ. The gulf of California, together with the adjacent coast as far as Mazatlan and St. Blas, has yielded 768 shells (502 uni-valves and 266 bivalves), of which 439 also occur in the Gulf of Panama, while 117 extend into S. America; 635 species are known from the Gulf of Panama; of these, 266 are peculiar to

the district, and 163 also occur in S. America. The fauna of the Panama province is remarkably distinct from the other W. American provinces, and especially the Caribbean. At one time it was thought that it did not possess a single species identical with any occurring in the West Indies or the east side of America. Dr. P. Carpenter, however, has shown that 36 marine shells (15 univalves and 20 bivalves) occur on both sides of the Isthmus of Darien, and this number has been lately increased.

A few of the species even extend as far as W. Africa according to Dr. Carpenter; he mentions 15, and among them the following:—*Crepidula unguiformis*, *C. aculeata*, *Hippomyx antiquatus*, *Bankivia varians*, *Natica maroccana*, *Marginella caerulea*, *Nitidella guttata*, *Purpura pansa*. Five species are common to Mazatlan and the British coasts, viz., *Kellia suborbicularis*, *Lacea rubra*, *Saxicava arctica*, *Cytherea Dione*, *Hydrobia ulva*. Still more remarkable is the absence of resemblance between the faunas of Panama and those of the Indo-Pacific area, there being only seven forms common to the two. Thus, *Cytherea petichialis* occurs in Japan; *Nassa acuta*, in Australia; and *Oliva Duclosii*, *Natica maroccana*, *Nitidella cribaria*, *Hippomyx barbatus*, *H. Grayanus*, are scattered over the Pacific ocean.

The river-openings of this coast are bordered by mangroves, amongst which are found *Potamides*, *Arcas*, *Cyrenas*, *Potamomyas*, *Auriculas*, and *Purpuras*, whilst *Littorinae* climb the trees and are found upon their leaves. The ordinary tide at Panama amounts to 16 or 20 feet, the extreme to 28 feet, so that once a fortnight a lower zone of beach may be examined and other shells collected. The beach is of fine sand, with reefs of rocks in the bay.

*Gallapagos Islands*.—Out of 111 sea-shells collected here by Mr. Cuming, 43 are unknown elsewhere; 25 occur in Mazatlan, 22 in Central America, 38 in Panama, but only 11 in South America.

*Littoral shells common to Panama and the Gallapagos (C. B. Adams.)*

*Cyprea rubescens*.

*Columbella nigricans*.

*Turbinella cerata*.

*M. t. t.*

*R. t. t.*

*Pleurotoma eccentrica*.



*Panama shells.*

<i>Strombus gracilior.</i>	<i>Columbella strombiformis.</i>	<i>Pecten magnificus.</i>
<i>Murex erythrostomus.</i>	<i>Marginella curta.</i>	<i>Arca lithodomus, &amp;c.</i>
„ <i>regius.</i>	<i>Cypræa nigro-punctata.</i>	<i>Pectunculus tessellatus, &amp;c.</i>
„ <i>imperialis.</i>	<i>Trivia.</i>	<i>Nucula exigua.</i>
„ <i>radix.</i>	<i>Pyrula ventricosa.</i>	<i>Leda, 5 sp.</i>
„ <i>brassica.</i>	<i>Natica glauca.</i>	<i>Cardium senticosum.</i>
„ <i>monoceros, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Pileopsis hungaricoides.</i>	„ <i>maculosum.</i>
<i>Rapana muricata.</i>	<i>Crucibulum auriculatum, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Cardita laticosta.</i>
„ <i>Kiosquiformis.</i>	<i>Trochita mamillaris.</i>	<i>Gouldia Pacifica.</i>
<i>Myristica patula.</i>	<i>Crepidula arcuata, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Cytherea, many sp.</i>
<i>Ricinula clathrata.</i>	<i>Littorina pulchra.</i>	<i>Venus gnidia.</i>
<i>Purpura, many sp.</i>	<i>Turritella Californica.</i>	„ <i>histrionica.</i>
<i>Monoceros, many sp.</i>	<i>Truncatella, 2 sp.</i>	<i>Artemis Dunkeri.</i>
„ <i>brevidentatus.</i>	<i>Cœcum, 8 sp.</i>	<i>Trigona crassatelloides.</i>
„ <i>cingulatus.</i>	<i>Imperator unguis, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Cyclina subquadrata.</i>
<i>Clavella? distorta.</i>	<i>Trochus pellis serpentis.</i>	<i>Venerupis foliacea,</i>
<i>Oliva porphyria.</i>	<i>Vitrinella, 12 sp.</i>	<i>Petricola Californica, &amp;c.</i>
„ <i>splendidula, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Nerita ornata.</i>	<i>Tellina Burneti.</i>
<i>Northia pristis.</i>	<i>Patella maxima.</i>	<i>Cumingia coarctata.</i>
<i>Harpa crenata.</i>	—	<i>Semele, 7 sp.</i>
<i>Malea ringens.</i>	<i>Discina strigata.</i>	<i>Saxicava purpurascens.</i>
<i>Mitra Inca, &amp;c.</i>	„ <i>Cumingii.</i>	<i>Gastrochæna.</i>
<i>Terebra luctuosa, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Lingula semen.</i>	<i>Solecurtus lucidus.</i>
<i>Conus regularis, &amp;c.</i>	„ <i>albida.</i>	<i>Lyonsia brevifrons.</i>
<i>Pleurotoma, many sp.</i>	„ <i>audebardi.</i>	<i>Pandora arcuata, &amp;c.</i>
<i>Cancellaria goniostoma.</i>	—	<i>Pholas melanura, &amp;c.</i>
„ <i>cassidiformis.</i>	<i>Placunomia foliacea.</i>	<i>Parapholas.</i>
„ <i>chrysostoma.</i>	<i>Ostrea æquatorialis.</i>	<i>Jouannetia pectinata.</i>
<i>Columbella, many sp.</i>	<i>Spondylus princeps.</i>	

## XIV. PERUVIAN PROVINCE.

The coast of Peru and Chili, from Callao to Valparaiso, affords a large and characteristic assemblage of shells, of which only a small part have been catalogued, although the district has been well explored, especially by D'Orbigny, Cuming, and Philippi. M. D'Orbigny collected 160 species, one-half of which are common to Peru and Chili, whilst only one species (*Siphonaria Lessonii*) found at Callao was also met with at Payta, a little beyond the boundary of the region. Mr. Cuming obtained 222 species on the coast of Peru, and 172 in Chili. Hupè has described 201 species in Gay's work on Chili. The island of Juan Fernandez is included within this province. Only a few of the Peruvian mollusks can be here enumerated.

<i>Onychoteuthis peraptoptera.</i>	<i>Diphyllidia Cuvieri.</i>	<i>Chiton, many sp.</i>
—	<i>Posterobranchæa.</i>	<i>Patella scurra.</i>
<i>Æolis Inca.</i>	<i>Aplysia Inca.</i>	<i>Acmæa scutum.</i>
<i>Doris Peruviana.</i>	<i>Tornatella venusta.</i>	<i>Crucibulum lignarium.</i>

<i>Trochita radians.</i>	<i>Oliva Peruviana.</i>	<i>Solen gladiatus.</i>
<i>Crepidula dilatata.</i>	<i>Rapana labiosa.</i>	<i>Solecurtus Dombeyi.</i>
<i>Pleurella, many sp.</i>	<i>Mouoceros giganteus.</i>	<i>Mastra Hyronensis.</i>
<i>Liotia Cobijsensis.</i>	<i>"  crassilabris.</i>	<i>Meosodesma Chilensis.</i>
<i>Gadina Peruviana.</i>	<i>"  acuminatus.</i>	<i>Cumingia lamellosa.</i>
<i>Littorina Peruviana.</i>	<i>Purpura chocolata.</i>	<i>Semele rosea, &amp;c.</i>
<i>"  arabiana.</i>	<i>Concholepas.</i>	<i>Petricola, many sp.</i>
<i>Biscina Inca.</i>	<i>Mitra maura.</i>	<i>Saxidomus opacus, &amp;c.</i>
<i>Cancellaria buccinoides.</i>	—	<i>Cyclina Kroyeri.</i>
<i>Sigaretus cymba.</i>	<i>Terebratella Fontainei.</i>	<i>Venus theca.</i>
<i>Porus Fontainei.</i>	<i>"  Chilensis.</i>	<i>Crassatella gibbosa.</i>
<i>Murex horridus.</i>	<i>Discina lamellosa.</i>	<i>Nucula, many sp.</i>
<i>Sanella ventricosa.</i>	<i>"  lævis.</i>	<i>Leda, many sp.</i>
<i>Triton scaber.</i>	—	<i>Solenella Norrisi.</i>
<i>Nassa dentifera.</i>	<i>Pholas subtruncata, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Lithodomus Peruviana.</i>
<i>Columbella sordida.</i>	<i>Lyonsia cuneata.</i>	<i>Saxicava solida.</i>

### XV. MAGELLANIC PROVINCE.

This region includes the coasts of Tierra del Fuego, the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), and the mainland of South America, from P. Melo, on the east coast, to Concepcion, on the west. It is described by M. D'Orbigny and Mr. Darwin (Journal, p. 177 et seq.). Philippi also has given attention to it; he assigns 88 species to the district near the Straits of Magellan. Only 15 species are known from the Malvinas, and 11 of these have not been met with elsewhere. The southern and western coasts are amongst the wildest and stormiest in the world; glaciers in many places descend into the sea, and the passage round Cape Horn has often to be made amidst icebergs floating from the south polar continent. The greatest tides in the straits amount to 50 feet. "In T. del Fuego the giant sea-weed (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) grows on every rock from low-water mark to 45 fathoms, both on the outer coast and within the channels; it not only reaches up to the surface, but spreads over many fathoms and shelters multitudes of marine animals, including beautiful compound Ascidians, various patelliform shells, Trochi, naked mollusca, cuttle-fish, and attached bivalves. The rocks, at low water, also abound with shell-fish which are very different in their character from those of corresponding northern latitudes, and even when the genera are identical the species are of much larger size and more vigorous growth."

*Shells of the Magellanic Province (\* Falkland Islands).*

<i>Natica limbata.</i>	* <i>Patella barbara.</i>	<i>Pecten cornuus.</i>
<i>Lamellaria antarctica.</i>	* „ <i>zebrina.</i>	<i>Mytilus Magellanicus.</i>
<i>Littorina caliginosa.</i>	<i>Siphonaria lateralis.</i>	* <i>Modiolarca trapezina.</i>
<i>Chemnitzia Americana.</i>	<i>Chiton setiger.</i>	<i>Leda sulculata.</i>
* <i>Scalaria brevis.</i>	<i>Doris luteola.</i>	* <i>Cardita Thouarsii.</i>
* <i>Trochita pileolus.</i>	<i>Æolis Patagonica.</i>	* <i>Astarte longirostris.</i>
<i>Crepidula Patagonica.</i>	* <i>Spongiobranchiea.</i>	* <i>Venus exalbida.</i>
<i>Trochus Patagonicus.</i>	<i>Spiralis? cucullata, 66° S.</i>	* <i>Cyamium antarcticum.</i>
* <i>Margarita Malvinæ.</i>	—	<i>Mactra edulis.</i>
* <i>Scissurella conica.</i>	<i>Terebratella crenulata.</i>	* <i>Lyonsia Malvinensis.</i>
* <i>Fissurella radiosa.</i>	* „ <i>Magellanica, many</i>	<i>Pandora cistula.</i>
<i>Puncturella conica.</i>	<i>varieties.</i>	<i>Saxicava antarctica.</i>
<i>Nacella cymbularia.</i>	<i>Waldheimia dilatata.</i>	<i>Octopus megalocyathus.</i>
* <i>Patella deaurata.</i>	<i>Pecten Patagonicus.</i>	

## XVI. PATAGONIAN PROVINCE.

From S. Catharina, south of the Tropic, to P. Melo. This coast-line has shifted considerably since the era of its present fauna. M. D'Orbigny and Mr. Darwin observed banks of recent shells, especially *Potamomya labiata*, in the valley of La Plata and the Pampas around Bahia Blanca. Mr. Cuming also met with *Voluta Brasiliana*, and other living shells, in banks 50 miles inland. Of 79 shells obtained by M. D'Orbigny on the coast of N. Patagonia, 51 were peculiar, 1 common to the Falkland Ids., and 27 to Maldonado and Brazil. At Maldonada 37 species were found, 8 being special, 10 common to N. Patagonia, 2 to Rio, and 17 to Brazil. Of the latter 8 range as far as the Antilles; viz.:

<i>Crepidula aculeata.</i>	<i>Mactra fragilis.</i>	<i>Modiola viator.</i>
„ <i>protea.</i>	<i>Venus flexuosa.*</i>	<i>Plicatula Barbadosensis.</i>
<i>Pholas costata.</i>	<i>Lucina semi-reticulata.</i>	

At Bahia Blanca, in lat. 39° S., the most abundant shells observed by Mr. Darwin (p. 243) were

<i>Oliva auricularia.</i>	<i>Oliva tehuelchana.</i>	<i>Voluta angulata.</i>
„ <i>puelchana.</i>	<i>Voluta Brasiliana.</i>	<i>Terebra Patagonica.</i>

M. D'Orbigny's list also includes the following genera and species:—

<i>Octopus tehuelchus.</i>	<i>Æolis.</i>	<i>Leda.</i>
<i>Columbella sertularium.</i>	<i>Paludestrina.</i>	<i>Cytherea.</i>
<i>Bullia globulosa.</i>	<i>Scalaria.</i>	<i>Petricola.</i>
<i>Pleurotoma Patagonica.</i>	<i>Natica.</i>	<i>Corbula.</i>
<i>Fissurellidæa megatrema.</i>	<i>Chiton.</i>	<i>Pinna.</i>
<i>Panopæa abbreviata.</i>	<i>Solen.</i>	<i>Mytilus.</i>
<i>Periploma compressa.</i>	<i>Lutraria.</i>	<i>Lithodomus.</i>
<i>Lyonsia Patagonica.</i>	<i>Donacilla.</i>	<i>Pecten.</i>
<i>Solecurtus Platensis.</i>	<i>Nucula.</i>	<i>Ostrea.</i>

\* The variety of *Venus flexuosa* found at Rio can be distinguished from the West Indian shell, which is the *Venus punctifera* of Gray.

## XVII. CARIBBEAN PROVINCE.

The Gulf of Mexico, the West Indian Islands, and the eastern coast of South America, as far as Rio, form the fourth great tropical region of marine life. The number of shells is estimated by Prof. C. B. Adams at not less than 1500 species. Of these 500 are described by M. D'Orbigny in Ramon de la Sagra's History of Cuba, and a small number of the Brazilian species in the same author's Travels in South America. A list of the Barbadoes shells has been given by Sir R. Schomburgk.

The coasts of the Antilles, Bermuda, and Brazil, are fringed with coral reefs, and there are considerable banks of gulf-weed at some distance from the coast of the Antilles.

*West India Shells.*

<i>Argonauta.</i>	<i>Ommanstrephes.</i>	<i>Cleodora.</i>	<i>Cheletrypis.</i>
<i>Octopus.</i>	<i>Sepioteuthis.</i>	<i>Cressis.</i>	<i>Ianthina.</i>
<i>Philonexis</i>	<i>Sepia.</i>	<i>Cuvieria.</i>	<i>Glaucota.</i>
<i>Loligo.</i>	<i>Spirula.</i>	<i>Atlanta.</i>	<i>Notarochus Fied.</i>
<i>Cranchia.</i>	<i>Hyalea.</i>	<i>Oxygryos.</i>	<i>Aplysia.</i>
<i>Onychoteuthis.</i>			

<i>Strombus gigas.</i>	<i>Clavatula zebra.</i>	<i>Hipponyx mitrula.</i>
„ <i>pugilis.</i>	<i>Marginella.</i>	<i>Pileopsis militaris.</i>
<i>Murex calcitrans.</i>	<i>Erato Maugeri.</i>	<i>Calyptrea equestris.</i>
<i>Pisania articulata.</i>	<i>Cypræa mus.</i>	<i>Crepidula aculeata.</i>
„ <i>turbinella.</i>	„ <i>exanthema.</i>	<i>Patella leucopleura.</i>
<i>Triton pilearis.</i>	„ <i>spurca, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Chiton squamosus.</i>
„ <i>cutaculus.</i>	<i>Trivia pediculus.</i>	<i>Hydaria physa.</i>
<i>Fusua morio.</i>	<i>Ovulum gibbosum.</i>	—
<i>Fasciolaria tulipa.</i>	<i>Natica caurena.</i>	<i>Bouchardia tulipa.</i>
<i>Lagena oreolus.</i>	<i>Pyramidella doabrata.</i>	<i>Discina antillarum.</i>
<i>Canccharia reticulata.</i>	<i>Planaxis nucleus.</i>	—
<i>Fulgur aruanum.</i>	<i>Littorina zic-zac.</i>	<i>Phenonoma foliata.</i>
<i>Terebra acicularis.</i>	„ <i>flava.</i>	<i>Phostula cristata.</i>
<i>Myrtilia melongena.</i>	„ <i>lineolata.</i>	<i>Lima scabra.</i>
<i>Purpura patula.</i>	<i>Tectaria muricata.</i>	<i>Mytilus exustus.</i>
„ <i>deltoides.</i>	<i>Modiolus lenticularis.</i>	<i>Lithodomus dactylos.</i>
<i>Oniscia oniscus.</i>	<i>Fossarus.</i>	<i>Arca Americana.</i>
<i>Cassia tuberosa.</i>	<i>Truncatella caribbea.</i>	<i>Yoldia tellinoides.</i>
„ <i>flammea.</i>	<i>Torinia cylindracea.</i>	<i>Chama arcinella.</i>
„ <i>Madagascariensis.</i>	<i>Turritella exoleta.</i>	„ <i>macrophylla.</i>
<i>Colambella mercatoria.</i>	„ <i>imbricata.</i>	<i>Cardium lavigatum.</i>
„ <i>nitida, &amp;c.</i>	<i>Trochus pica.</i>	<i>Lucina tigrina.</i>
<i>Volva vesperilio.</i>	<i>Imperator tuber.</i>	„ <i>Pennsylvanica.</i>
		<i>Lamprogonus</i>

<i>s crenulata.</i>	<i>Artemis concentrica.</i>	<i>Strigilla carnaria.</i>
<i>cancellata.</i>	„ <i>lucinalis.</i>	<i>Seruele reticulata.</i>
<i>violacea.</i>	<i>Cyclina saccata.</i>	„ <i>variegata.</i>
<i>area dione.</i>	<i>Trigona mactroides.</i>	<i>Cumingia.</i>
, <i>circinata.</i>	<i>Petricola lapicida.</i>	<i>Iphigenia Brasiliensis.</i>
, <i>maculata.</i>	<i>Capsula coccinea.</i>	<i>Lutraria lineata.</i>
, <i>gigantea.</i>	<i>Tellina Braziliensis.</i>	<i>Periploma inaequalis.</i>
, <i>flexuosa.</i>	„ <i>bimaculata.</i>	<i>Pholadomya candida.</i>

## XVIII. TRANS-ATLANTIC PROVINCE.

The Atlantic coast of the United States was supposed by Prof. Forbes to consist of two provinces: (1) the *Virginian*, from C. to C. Hatteras, and (2) the *Carolinian*, extending to Florida; no data were supplied for such a division. The total number of mollusca is only 230, and 60 of these range farther north, being moreover common to Europe. These two regions are sometimes treated of together as the Pennsylvanian province. Dr. Gould describes 110 shells from the coast of Massachusetts south of Cape Cod, of which 50 are not found to the northward, form the commencement of the proper American type. The shells of New York and the southern Atlantic States are described by De Kay, in the State Natural History of New York; his list supplies 120 additional species, of which at least a few stragglers from the Caribbean province; e.g. *Chama arcinella*, *Iphigenia laevigata*, *Capsula deflorata*.\*

M. Massachusetts. Y. New York. SC. South Carolina. F. Florida.

<i>mus.</i> F.	<i>Cerithium ferrugineum.</i> F.
<i>cinereus.</i> M. SC.	„ 4 sp. M.
<i>obsoleta.</i> M. F. (Mex.)	<i>Triforis nigro-cinctus.</i> M.
<i>trivittata.</i> M. SC.	<i>Odostomia</i> , 6 sp. M. Y.
<i>vibex.</i> M. F. (Mexico).	<i>Turritella interrupta.</i> M. Y.
<i>Florida.</i> (Mex.)	„ <i>concava.</i> SC.
<i>dislocata.</i> Y. SC.	( <i>Vermetus lumbricalis.</i> M. ?)
<i>papyracea.</i> F.	<i>Calyptrea striata.</i> Y.
<i>carica.</i> M. SC.	<i>Crepidula convexa.</i> M. Y.
<i>canaliculatum.</i> M. SC.	„ <i>fornicata.</i> M. F. (Mex).
<i>literata.</i> SC.	<i>Littorina irrorata.</i> Y.
<i>pinella carnea.</i> F.	<i>Fissurella alternata.</i> (Say) ?
<i>solaria distans.</i> SC. (Mex.)	<i>Chiton apiculatus.</i> M. SC.
<i>umbellula avara.</i> M. Y.	<i>Tornatella puncto-striata.</i> M. Y.
<i>caudata.</i> M. Y.	<i>Bulla insculpta.</i> M. Y.
<i>duplicata.</i> Y. SC.	
<i>retus perspectivus.</i> Q. SC.	<i>Ostrea equestris.</i> SC. F.
<i>lineata.</i> M. SC.	<i>Pecten irradians</i> ( <i>scallop</i> ).
<i>multistriata.</i> M. Y.	<i>Avicula Atlantica.</i> F.
<i>turbinata.</i> NC.	<i>Mytilus leucophantus.</i> SC.

The sea-shells, of the United States have also been collected and described by Le Sueur, Conrad, and Couthouy.



*Modiola Carolinensis*.  
 „ *plicatula*. M. Y.  
*Pinna muricata*. SC.  
*Arca ponderosa*. SC.  
 „ *pexata*. M. F.  
 „ *incongrua*. SC.  
 „ *transversa*. M. Y.  
*Solemya velum*. M. Y.  
 „ *borealis*. M.  
*Cardium ventricosum*. SC.  
 „ *Mortoni*. M. Y.  
*Lucina contracta*. Y.  
*Astarte Mortoni*. Y.  
 „ *bitunulata*. F.  
*Cardita incrassata*. F.  
*Venus mercenaria*. M. SC.  
 „ *Mortoni*. SC. F.  
 „ *gemma*. M. Y.  
*Artemis discus*. SC.  
*Petricola dactylus*. M. SC.  
 „ *pholadiformis*. Y.

*Macra similis*. SC. M.  
 „ *solidissima*. M. Y.  
 „ *lateralis*. M. Y.  
*Lutaria lineata*. F.  
 „ *canaliculata*. Y. F.  
*Meiodontina arcuata*. M. Y.  
*Tellina tenta*. M. SC.  
 „ 8 sp. SC. F.  
*Semele equalis*. SC.  
*Cuningia tellinoides*. M.  
*Donax fossar*. Y.  
 „ *variabilis*. G. F.  
*Solecurtus fragilis*. M. SC.  
 „ *caribbeus*. M. F.  
*Corbula contracta*. M. F.  
*Periploma Leana*. M. Y.  
 „ *pepyracea*. M. Y.  
*Lyonsia hyalina*. Y.  
*Pandora trilineata*. M. F.  
*Pholas costata*. SC. F.  
 „ *semicostata*. SC.

## LAND REGIONS.

### *Distribution of Land and Fresh-water Shells.*

The boundaries of the Natural-history land-regions are distinctly marked, and have been more fully investigated, than their counterparts in the sea. Almost every large island has its own fauna and flora; almost every river system its peculiar fresh-water fish and shells; and mountain-chains like the Alps appear to present impassable barriers to the "nations" of animals and plants of either side. Exceptions, however, occur which show that beyond this first generalisation there exists a higher law. The British Channel is not a barrier between the British provinces, nor is the Mediterranean; and the desert of Sal separates only two portions of the same zoological region. In these and other similar instances the "barrier" is of later date than the surrounding fauna and flora.

It has been often remarked that the northern part of the world presents the appearance of vastly-extended, continuous continental plains, much of which is, geologically speaking, recent land. In the southern hemisphere the continents taper off

give way to mere identity of genera ; these are replaced by family resemblances, and at last even the families of animals and plants become in great measure distinct, not only on the great continents, but on the islands, till every little rock in the ocean has its peculiar inhabitants—the survivors, seemingly, of tribes which the sea has swallowed up. (Waterhouse.)

The two largest genera, or principal types of the land and fresh-water shells, *Helix* and *Unio*, have an almost universal range, but admit of many geographical subdivisions.\* Amongst the land-snails are several species to which a nearly world-wide range has been assigned, sometimes erroneously, as when *Helix cicatricosa* is attributed to Senegal and China, or *Helix similaris* Fér. to Brazil and India ; and often correctly, but only because they have been carried to distant localities by human agency. Land-snails are in favour with Portuguese sailors, as “ live sea stock ; ” and they have naturalised the common garden-snail of Europe (*Helix aspersa*) in Algeria, the Azores, and Brazil ; and *Helix lactea* at Teneriffe and Mte. Video. *Achatina fulica* has been taken from Africa to the Mauritius, and thence to Calcutta, where it has been established by a living naturalist ; and *Helix hortensis* has been carried from the old country to America, and naturalised on the coast of New England and the banks of the St. Lawrence. *Bulimus Goodalli*, indigenous to the West Indies and S. America, has been introduced into English pineries and to Mauritius. *Helix pulchella*, one of the small species found in moss and decayed leaves, inhabits Europe, the Caucasus, Madeira, the Cape (introduced), and N. America as far as the Missouri. *Helix cellaria* inhabits Europe and the Northern States of America, and has been carried abroad with the roots of plants, or attached to water-casks, and naturalised at the Cape and New Zealand. *Testacella maugei* has been transported from the Canary Islands to England.

The fresh-water *Pulmonifera*—*Limnæa*, *Physa*, *Planorbis*, *Ancylus*—and the amphibious *Succinea*, have a nearly world-wide range ; and like aquatic plants and insects, often re-appear, even at the antipodes, under familiar forms. The range of the gill-breathing fresh-water shells is more restricted.

The Old World and America may be regarded as provinces of paramount importance, having no species in common (except a

\* In cataloguing *Unionidæ*, the river and country of each species should be stated. American authors are too often contented with recording such localities as “ Nashville ” and “ Smithville,” which are quite unintelligible. Almost as uncertain in their meaning are S. Vincent, S. Cruz, S. Thomas, Prince’s Id. ; whilst the latinised names of places often defy all attempts at re-translation.

few in the extreme north), and each possessing many characteristic genera.

America.	Old World.	America.	Old World.
Anatoma.	Zonites.	Chitonopoma.	Pomatia.
Tridopela.	Nanina.	Chondropoma.	Otopoma.
Sagda.	Vitrina.	Cistula.	Craspedopoma.
Stenopus.	Helicellimax.	Trochatella.	Diplommatina.
Proserpina.	Daudebardia.	Alcadia.	Aulopoma.
Bulinus.	Achatina.	Stenotoma.	Pupina.
Odontostomus.	Achatinella.	Geomelania.	Articula.
Liguus.	Clausilia.	—	—
Glandina.	Paxillus.	Hemisinus.	Vibex.
Cylindrella.	Pupa.	Melastoma.	Pirena.
Megaspira.	—	Ceriphasia.	Melanopsis.
Simpulopsis.	Testacella.	Anoulotus.	Paludomus.
Amphibulima.	Parmacella.	Melastoma.	Lithoglyphus.
Omalyonx.	Limax.	Amnicola.	Navicella.
—	Arion.	—	—
Philomycus.	Phosphorax.	Mülleria.	Ætheria.
Peltella.	Inclaria.	Mycetopus.	Iridina.
—	Oncidium.	Castalia.	Galatea.
Chibnia.	—	Monocondylina.	Cyrenoides.
Gundlachia.	Latia.	Gnathodon.	Glancomya.

The Land Provinces represented on the map are the principal Botanical Regions of Prof. Schouw, as given in the Physical Atlas of Berghaus; and it is proposed to inquire how far these divisions are confirmed by the land and fresh-water shells, more especially by the land-snails (*Helicidae*, *Limacidae*, and *Cyclostomidae*), which have been so elaborately catalogued by Dr. L. Pfeiffer.\*

The first Botanical region—that of Saxifrages and Mosses—has not been numbered on the map, although its boundary is given by the line of northern limit of trees. This line nearly coincides with the Isotherm of 32°, or permanent ground-frost; but in Siberia the pine-forests extend 15° farther, owing to the absence of winter rains and the bright clear air.

In this region shells are very rare; Dr. Middendorff found *Physa hypnorum* in Arctic Siberia, and *Limnæa geisericola* (Beck) inhabits the warm springs of Iceland. The few species discovered by Müller in Greenland are supposed to be peculiar:—

Helix Eschsch.

Succinea (L.) Schumacher.

Lunna Helicella.

## 1. GERMANIC REGION.

The whole of Northern Europe and Asia bounded by the Pyrenees, Alps, Carpathians, Caucasus, and Altai, constitutes but one province, with a fauna by no means proportioned in richness to its extent.\*

The land-snails amount to more than 200, but nearly all (or at least five-sixths) are common to the Lusitanian region.†

Helix .....	90	Pupa .....	44	Cyclostoma .....	1
Bulimulus .....	10	Clausilia .....	53	Acicula .....	1
Zua.....	} 5	Vitrina .....	5	Limax .....	9
Azeca.....		Succinea .....	5	Arion .....	4
Cionella.....		Balea .....	1	Carychium .....	1

The fresh-water shells belong to these genera and subgenera :—

Limnæa.....	20	Velletia .....	1	Unio, sp. and vars. ...	20
Amphipeplea .....	2	Neritina, vars. ....	3	Anodon, vars. ....	20
Physa.....	5	Paludina and Bithynia	23	Alasmodon .....	3
Aplexa .....	1	Valvata .....	5	Cyclas .....	6
Planorbis .....	16	Conovulus (Alexia)...	3	Pisidium .....	11
Ancylus.....	†	Driessena .....	1		

According to Reeve, there are 199 British molluscs, of which 176 dwell on the land and 23 in the water. Of the species formerly thought peculiar, *Pupa anglica* and *Helix fusca* have been found in France, and *Helix lamellata* in Holstein. *Helix excavata* (Bean) is still unknown upon the Continent; and *Geomalacus maculosus* and *Limnæa involuta* have only been met with in the south-west of Ireland, but are possibly Lusitanian species. *Dreisena polymorpha* has been permanently naturalised in canals (p. 424), and *Testacella Maugei* and *haliotideia* in gardens; *Bulimus decollatus* and *Goodalli* have been often established in greenhouses. Some species are now very scarce in England that were formerly abundant, as :—

<i>Clausilia plicatula.</i>	<i>Vertigo Venetzi.</i>	<i>Succinea oblonga.</i>
<i>Vertigo minutissima.</i>	<i>Helix lamellata</i>	<i>Acicula fusca.</i>

Others, which occur in the newer tertiary deposits, have become quite extinct in England, such as :—

\* The mean temperature of the winter and summer months averages 36°—57°; in Western Europe autumn rains prevail, and summer rains in Eastern Europe and Siberia.

† It was the opinion of Professor E. Forbes that *all* the species of the Post-pliocene and of Northern Europe and Asia had *originated* beyond the bounds of that region.

<i>Helix fruticosa</i> ,	living in France and Sweden.
„ <i>rudecta</i> .....	Germany.
„ <i>labyrinthica</i> (Eocene)	New England.
<i>Paludina marginata</i> .....	France.
<i>Orbicula consobrina</i> .....	Egypt and India.
<i>Unio littoralis</i> .....	France and Spain.

On the other hand, some of the commonest living species have not been found fossil; e.g. *Helix aspersa*, *pomatia*, and *antiana*. Several genera only occur fossil in the older tertiaryaries, viz. :—

<i>Glandina</i> .	<i>Cyclotus</i> .	<i>Nematura</i> .
<i>Proserpina</i> .	<i>Megalomastoma</i> .	<i>Melania</i> .
<i>Cylindrella</i> .	<i>Craspedopoma</i> .	<i>Melanopsis</i> .

The following estimates have been made of the number of air-breathing molluscs inhabiting the various countries of Europe :—

France,	202	(176 land, 26 fresh-water),	<i>Moquin Tandon</i> .
Dalmatia,	202	(197 „ 5 „ „),	<i>Ballotti</i> .
Denmark,	95	(72 „ 23 „ „),	<i>Mörck</i> .
Norway,	52	(36 „ 16 „ „),	<i>Martens and Fries</i> .
Finland,	41	(33 „ 8 „ „),	<i>Nylander and Nordenskiöld</i> .
Lapland,	16	(10 „ 6 „ „),	<i>Wallenberg</i> .

This table seems to show that the Pulmonifera are most numerous in the warmest parts of Europe, and that their numbers decline, as far as species are concerned, as we approach the Polar regions. Thus, in the Mediterranean area there are 800 species, in Germany 200, in Norway 50, in Lapland 16. Hitherto, only 23 species have been obtained from European countries north of the Arctic circle. The most northerly species are *Limnæa palustris*, *Physa fontinalis*, *Physa hypnorum*, and *Succinea putris*.

Dr. Middendorff gives the following list of Siberian shells in his *Sibirische Reise* (Band II. th. 1. Petersb. 1851) :—

<i>Helix carthusiana</i> , Irkutsk.	<i>Limnæa stagnalis</i> , Bernal, Irkutsk.
„ <i>Schrenkii</i> , M. Tunguska, 56°.	„ <i>palustris</i> , „ „
„ <i>hispida</i> , Beresov, Bernal.	„ <i>truncatula</i> , „ Tomsk.
„ <i>rudecta</i> , Stanowoj Mtn.	„ <i>leucostoma</i> , Irkutsk.
„ <i>pura</i> , „	<i>Physa hypnorum</i> , Bernal; <i>Taimyrskæ</i>
„ <i>sub-personata</i> , „; Ochotak.	<i>Planorbis cornuus</i> , Bernal; Beresov;
<i>Pupa muscorum</i> , Bernal.	Kirgisensteppe, Altai.
<i>Zus. tiberica</i> , „	<i>Planorbis complanatus</i> , Altai.

<i>Bithynia Kieckheferi</i> , R. Ami, Altai.	<i>Anodon anatinus</i> , Tunguska.
<i>Valvata cristata</i> , var. <i>Sibirica</i> , Bernaul, Beresov; Kamtschatka.	„ <i>cellensis</i> var. <i>Beringiana</i> , Kamtschatka.
„ <i>piscinalis</i> , R. Ami.	<i>Cyclas calyculata</i> , Bernaul, R. Lena, R. Ami, S. Kamts.
<i>Unio complanatus</i> Kamtschatka.	<i>Pisidium fontinale</i> , Beresov.
„ <i>Dahusicus</i> , Mid. Schilka.	„ <i>obliquum</i> , Bernaul, Tomsk.
„ <i>Mongolicus</i> , M. Gorbitza, Dauria.	
<i>Anodon herculeus</i> , M. Scharanai.	

## 2. LUSITANIAN REGION.

The countries bordering the Mediterranean, with Switzerland, Austria, and Hungary, the Crimea (*Taurida*), and Caucasus, form a great province (or rather cluster of provinces) to which Professor E. Forbes applied the term *Lusitanian*. The Canaries, Azores, and Madeira are outlying fragments of the same region.\*

In Southern Europe about 600 land-snails are found, of which above 100 are also spread over the Germanic region and Siberia; and 20 or 30 are common to Northern Africa. Besides these 60 others are found in Algeria and Egypt, 100 in Asia Minor and Syria, and 135 in the Atlantic Islands, making a total of nearly 900 species of *Helicidae*.†

Of the 12 species of *Zonites* (proper) 10 are peculiar to Lusitania.

The species of *Bulimus*, *Achatina*, and *Pupa* are small and minute, belonging to the sub-genera *Bulimulus*, *Cionella*, *Zua*, *Azeca*, *Vertigo*, &c.; 4 (of which 2 are Algerian) have been referred to *Glandina*.

In this region are also found 22 species of *Cyclostomidae* and 44 *Limacidae*:—

<i>Helix</i> .....392	<i>Vitrina</i> ..... 11	<i>Cryptella</i> ..... 1
<i>Bulimus</i> ..... 80	<i>Daudebardia</i> ..... 3	<i>Cyclostoma</i> ..... 5
<i>Succinea</i> ..... 8	<i>Helicolimax</i> ..... 3	<i>Craspedopoma</i> ..... 3
<i>Achatina</i> ..... 25	<i>Limax</i> ..... 28	<i>Pomatias</i> ..... 10
<i>Tornatellina</i> ..... 3	<i>Arion</i> ..... 7	<i>Acicula</i> ..... 4
<i>Balea</i> ..... 4	<i>Phosphorax</i> ..... 1	—
<i>Pupa</i> .....120	<i>Testacella</i> ..... 2	<i>Carychium</i> ..... 3
<i>Clausilia</i> † .....247	<i>Parmacella</i> ..... 5	

The fresh-water are shells of the same genera as in the Germanic province, and the numbers about the same; with the addition of several species of *Melania*, *Melanopsis*, *Lithoglyphus*, and *Cyrena*. *Melanopsis buccinoides* is found in Spain, Algeria, and

\* In the South of Europe rain seldom falls in summer, but is frequent at other seasons, especially in winter. The mean temperature is 54°—72°.

† The writer is greatly indebted to W. H. Benson, Esq., for information respecting the land-shells of the Lusitanian province, Africa, and the remote islands.

‡ Many of these cannot be considered *species*, in the sense here understood, but only as *races*, or geographical varieties.

Syria, having become extinct in the intervening countries. Two species of *Lithoglyphus* inhabit the Danube; *Cyrena* (*Corbicula*) *Panormitana* is found in Sicily, two others in the Euphrates, and *C. consobrina* in the Alexandrian Canal.

The Lusitanian province includes numerous minor regions, the islands and mountain tracts especially being centres or foci where a number of peculiar species are associated with those living around. Thus, of species not as yet recorded from other localities, Switzerland has 28, the Austrian Alps 46, Carpathians 28, North Italy and Dalmatia 100, Roumelia 20, Greece and its Archipelago 90, Anatolia 50, Caucasus 20, Syria 30, Lower Egypt and Algeria 60, Spain 26, and Portugal 15 *Helicidae* and 9 *Limacidae*.

#### *Mediterranean Islands.*

*Corfu*, *Cyprus*, *Rhodes*, *Syra*, *Candia*, and *Crete*, have each a few peculiar land-snails, amounting to 40 species altogether.

*Balearic Isles*.—*Helix Graellsiana*, *hispanica* (var. *balearica*), *nyellii*, *minoricensis*; and *Cyclostoma ferrugineum*, common to Spain and Algeria.

*Coreica*.—*Helix Raspaili*, *tristis*, *Clausilia* 4 sp.

*Sardinia*.—*Helix Sardiensis*, *meda*, *tenui-costata*, *Pupa* 2, *Clausilia* 1.

*Malta* has 2 peculiar species of *Helix*, and a *Clausilia* (*scalaris*).

*Sicily* has 40 peculiar species of *Helices* and 3 *Limacoe*s. This island is connected with North Africa by a winding shoal with deep water on each side.

#### *Madeira Group.*

These ancient volcanic islands, 660 miles south-west of Portugal, consist of *Madeira*, with *Fora* and three other islets called *Dezertas*, and *Porto Santo*, 26 miles to the north-east, with the rocky islets *Ferro*, *Baxo*, and *Cima*.\* The land-snails have been described by the Rev. R. T. Lowe,† and form the subject of a monograph by Dr. Albers.‡ The investigations of Mr. Vernon Wollaston have nearly doubled the number of known species, which now amount to 134. The *Vitrinæ* belong

\* These islands, and also the Canaries and Azores, contain marine formations (Neogene, Miocene and Pliocene) with Miocene Tertiary shells. The rest of Baxo is unmarked.

section *Helico-limax*, the *Cyclostomas* to the sub-genus *Opoma*, and half the *Pupas* to *Vertigo*.

..... 1	<i>Bulimus</i> .....	2	<i>Cionella</i> .....	3	<i>Limnæa</i> .....	1
..... 4	<i>Glandina</i> .....	4	<i>Pupa</i> .....	23	<i>Ancylus</i> .....	1
..... 2	<i>Azeca</i> .....	3	<i>Balea</i> .....	1	<i>Conovulus</i> .....	3
..... 3	<i>Tornatellina</i> .....	1	<i>Clausilia</i> .....	3	<i>Pedipes (afra.)</i> ...	1
..... 76	<i>Zua</i> .....	2	<i>Cyclostoma</i> .....	2		

Of the 92 found in Madeira or the Dezertas, 70 are peculiar; which 39 are peculiar, inhabit Porto Santo and its islets; 13 of which 4 are widely diffused, are common to Madeira and Porto Santo. One species is peculiar to the Dezerta Grande; 10 species and 1 variety to the southern Dezerta (Bugio); 1 to the northern (Cho); 1 variety to Ferro. Seven species are common to the Dezertas; 1 to the great and northern Dezertas; 1 to Madeira and Dezerta Grande; and 3 to Madeira, Porto Santo and the Dezertas. Of those species which inhabit more than one island, the specimens from each locality are recognised as distinct *races* or geographical varieties. *Helix sub-papilio* are found on the Ilheo Baxo; *H. turricula* on

Of the total number (134) 112 species are peculiar to the Madeira group; 5 are common to the Canaries; 4 to the Azores, 3 to the Guinea coast; 11 are common to Southern Europe, 2 *Limnæids* and 7 slugs, which may have been recently introduced, viz. :—

<i>Helix</i> <i>piricorum</i> .	<i>Helix</i> <i>cellaria</i> .	<i>Zua</i> <i>lubrica</i> , var.
<i>Helix</i> <i>riegatus</i> .	„ <i>crystallina</i> .	„ <i>folliculus</i> .
<i>Helix</i> <i>stiquorum</i> .	„ <i>pisana</i> .	<i>Bulimus</i> <i>decollatus</i> .
<i>Helix</i> <i>grestis</i> .	„ <i>pulchella</i> .	„ <i>ventrosus</i> , Fer.
<i>Helix</i> <i>ligates</i> .	„ <i>lenticula</i> .	<i>Balea</i> <i>perversa</i> (p. 293).
<i>Helix</i> <i>de Mangei</i> .	( „ <i>lapicida</i> , <i>fossil</i> ).	<i>Limnæa</i> <i>truncatula</i> .
<i>Helix</i> <i>haliotidea</i> .	<i>Cionella</i> <i>acicula</i> .	<i>Ancylus</i> <i>fluviatilis</i> .

Large quantities of *dead shells* of the land-snails are found in the sand-dunes near Caniçal, at the eastern extremity of Porto Santo, and in Porto Santo, including 64 of the living species which have not been found alive. As the fossil examples of several species are larger than their living descendants, it is probable that some of those reputed to be extinct have only been so rated. It is a remarkable fact that some of the common living species are not found fossil, whilst others, now very scarce, occur abundantly as fossils.\*

*Helix tiarella*, W. and B., was supposed to be extinct, but in 1855 Mr. Wollaston found it alive in two almost inaccessible spots on the north coast of Madeira: it is now common to the Canaries.



*Extinct Land-snails of Madeira.*

- Helix delphinula*, Lowe. M.  
 „ *arcinella*, Lowe. P.  
 „ *coronula*, Lowe. S. Deserta.  
   *vermetiformis*, Lowe. P.  
     Lowe, Fer. (*porto-sanctiana*, var. ?). P.  
   *fluctuosa*, Lowe (= *chrysomela*, Lowe). P.  
 „ *psammophora*, Lowe (*philetophora* var. ?). P.  
 „ *Bowdichiana*, Fer. (*punctulata*, major ?), M. P.  
*Glandina cylichna*, Lowe. P. Santo.  
*Cionella eulima*, Lowe. P.  
*Pupa linearis*, Lowe. M. (= *minutissima*, Hartm ?).  
 „ *abbreviata*, Lowe. M.

The problem of the colonisation of these islands receives additional light from the circumstances noticed at other oceanic islands, especially the Canaries and St. Helena. There is evidence that this mountain group has not arisen newly from the sea, and great probability that it has become insulated by the subsidence of the surrounding land.\* The character and arrangement of its fauna is probably nearly the same now as when it formed part of a continent, and the diminution of its land-shells in variety and size may be the result of a modern change of physical conditions brought about by human agency, as at St. Helena. The annual fall of rain is now 29·82 inches, whereas it was remarked by Columbus, three hundred and fifty years ago, “that, formerly, the quantity of rain was as great in Madeira, the Canaries, and the Azores, as in Jamaica, but since the trees which shaded the ground had been cut down, rain had become much more rare.”†

The Azores are a group of 9 volcanic islands, 800 miles west of Lisbon, the loftiest being Pico, 7,813 feet. The number of land-shells have been recently increased to 68 by Morelet and others,—including *Limax* 4, *Arion* 3, *Testacella* 1, *Vitrina* 7, *Helix* 30, *Bulimus* 10, *Zua* 1, *Pupa* 8, *Balea* 1, *Auricula* 3. Of these 28 are found in Europe, 7 in Madeira, 4 in the Canary Islands, and the remaining 29 are peculiar.

The Canary Islands are sixty miles west of Africa, with a temperature of 60°—66° in the coolest half year, and 78°—87° in the hottest. The land-snails are about 80 in number, including *Helix* 50, *Nanina* 1, *Vitrina* 3, *Bulimus* 16, *Achatina* 3,

*ostomidæ*. Of these, 60 are peculiar, 12 are common to Western Europe, and 4 to the West Indies? 1 to Morocco, 1 to Sicily (also European), and 1 to Egypt. The fresh-water species are *Physa* 2, *Ancylus* 1.

*Helix ustulata* and *McAndrei* are peculiar to the rocky islets known as the "Salvages," north of the Canaries.

The absence of Western African land-shells, and the presence of West Indian species may be explained by the currents which come from the Antilles, as shown on the map.\* Some of the European species may have been introduced (*e.g.*, *Helix lactea*, *Helix cellaria*); but the presence of 20 Lusitanian species, in a total of 80, is too remarkable to be accidental.

The *Cape de Verde Islands*, although much farther to the south, are also much farther from the continent, being 320 miles west of Cape de Verde; the mean temperature is 65°—70°, and the climate, as Dr. Christian Smith remarked, is more like that of the Mediterranean coast than West Africa. Of the 12 land-shells, two are common to the Canaries and Azores.

### *Lusitanian Species of Wide Distribution.*

*Helix amanda*, Sicily—Palma.

„ *planata*, Morocco—Canaries.

„ *lenticula*, S. Europe—Madeira—Canaries.

„ *rozeti*, Sicily, Morea—Algeria—C. de Verde—Canaries.

„ *lanuginosa*, Majorca—Algeria—Palma.

„ *simulata*, Syria—Egypt—Lancerotte.

„ *Michaudi*, summit of Porto Santo—Teneriffe?

„ *cyclodon*, Azores—Canaries—C. de Verdes.

„ *advena*, (= *crubescens* Lowe), Madeira—Azores—St. Vincent.

„ *plicaria* and *planorbella*, Canaries—Porto Rico?

*Bulimus subdiaphanus*, Canaries—Azores—C. de Verdes.

„ *bosticatus* and *badiusus*, Canaries—St. Thomas?

*Ascension*.—This barren volcanic island, in the midst of the Atlantic Ocean, is not known to possess any terrestrial *Pulmonifera* beside a slug, the *Limax Ascensionis*. Mr. Benson thinks that some *Helicidæ* might possibly be found on the Green Mountain, 2,840 feet high, where the garrison have their gardens. Mr. Darwin remarks "we may feel sure that at some former epoch, the climate and productions of Ascension were very different from what they now are."

### *St. Helena* (No. 28 of Map).

The island of St. Helena is 800 miles S.E. of Ascension, and 300 from the nearest African coast of Benguela. It is entirely

Long before the discovery of America it was observed that the westerly gales shed ashore stems of bamboos, trunks of pines, and even *living men in canoes*.—Möbboldt, ii. p. 462.

volcanic. The indigenous plants are all peculiar, and not more related to those of Western Africa than to Brazil.\* The land shells are also peculiar; 13 species have been described, viz.—*Helix*, 7 sp, *Bulimus* 5, *Achatina* 2, *Pupa* 1, *Succinea* (*Helisiga*) 2. As many more have been met with only in the condition of dead shells, rarely retaining their colour and translucency. They are found beneath the surface-soil in the sides of ravines worn by the heavy rains, at a height of 1,200 to 1,700 feet. "Their extinction has probably been caused by the entire destruction of the woods, and the consequent loss of food and shelter, which occurred during the early part of last century." (Darwin's Journal, p. 488.) A living *Bulimus*, related to the extinct *B. Blofieldi*, is found feeding on the cabbage-trees, only on the highest points of the island.

*Extinct Land-shells of St. Helena.†*

<i>Bulimus auris vulpinus.</i>	<i>Bulimus relegatus.</i>
" <i>Darwini.</i>	<i>Helix bilamellata.</i>
" <i>Blofieldi.</i>	" <i>polyodon.</i>
" <i>Sealei.</i>	" <i>spurca.</i>
" <i>subplicatus.</i>	" <i>biplicata.</i>
" <i>terebellum.</i>	" <i>Alexandri.</i>
" <i>fossilis.</i>	<i>Succinea Bensoni.</i>

The large *Bulimus*, (fig. 123, p. 291), has no living analogue in Africa, but is a member of a group characteristic of tropical America (to which the names *Plecocylus*, *Pachytis* and *Caprella* have been given), including *B. signatus*, *B. bilabiatus*, *B. gonistomus*, and especially *B. sulcatus* (*Chilonopsis*, Fischer) of St. Iago.‡ The four next species belong to the same type, but are smaller and slenderer. "The marine mollusks of the coast of St. Helena would lead us to infer the very ancient isolation of that island, whilst at the same time a pre-existing closer geographical relationship between the African and the American

\* "It might perhaps have been expected that the examination of the vicinity of the Congo would have thrown some light on the origin, if I may so express myself, of the Flora of *St. Helena*. This, however, has not proved to be the case; for neither has a single indigenous species, nor have any of the principal genera characterising the vegetation of that island, been found either on the banks of the Congo, or on any other part of this coast of Africa."—R. Brown, Appendix to Captain Tuckey's Narrative of the Congo Expedition (p. 478). 1818.

continents than now maintains is dimly indicated. The information we have obtained respecting the extinct and existing terrestrial mollusks would seem to point in the same direction, and assuredly to indicate a closer geographical alliance between St. Helena and the east coast of S. America than now holds." (Forbes.)

### *Tristan d'Acunha* (No. 29 of Map).

Two peculiar species of *Balea* (*Tristensis* and *ventricosus*) are found on this remote and lofty island, which attains an elevation of 8,236 feet.

### 3. AFRICAN REGION.

Tropical western Africa, with its hot swampy coasts and river valleys is the region of the great *Achatina* and *Achatina*-like *Bulim*, the largest of all living land-snails. In 1863 the numbers known were—*Vitrina* 4 sp., *Streptaxis* 7, *Helix* 30, *Pupa* 5, *Bulimus* 50, *Achatina* 54, *Succinea* 3, and *Perideris* 18. *Streptaxis Reclusiana* inhabits the Guinea Islands. *Helix Folini*, *Bulimus numidicus* and *fastigiatus*, *Pupa crystallum* and *sorghum*, *Achatina columna*, *striatella*, and *lotophaga* are found on Princes Island; *Pupa putilla* on Goree Island; *Bulimus* (*Pseudachatina*) *Downesi*, *Achatina iostoma* and *Glandina cerea* at Fernando Po. The reversed river-snail (*Lanistes*) is generally diffused in the fresh waters of Africa; several species of *Potamides* and *Vibex* are found in the embouchures of the western rivers and *Pedipes* on the sea-shore. The fresh-water bivalves of Senegal are similar to those of the Nile:—

<i>Pisidium parasiticum</i> , Egypt.	<i>Iridina exotica</i> , Senegal.
<i>Cyrenoides Duponti</i> , Senegal.	„ <i>rubens</i> „
<i>Corbicula</i> , 4 sp. Egypt.	<i>Pleiodon ovatus</i> „
<i>Iridina nilotica</i> „	<i>Ætheria semilunata</i> „ Nile.
„ <i>ægyptiaca</i> „	<i>Galatea radiata</i> „

### 4. CAPE REGION.

Dr. Krauss describes 41 species of land-snail from South Africa, and Mr. Benson has furnished a list containing 22 others; these are all peculiar, except a *Succinea*, which appears to be only a variety of the European *S. putris*, and two European *Helices* (*H. cellaria* and *pulchella*) probably imported to the environs of the Cape. In 1863 they had raised the number to about 90. There are also 3 slugs, 9 freshwater Pulmonifera, 7 marine Pulmonifera, 5 freshwater bivalves, and 5 univalves.

The species found at the Cape, Algoa Bay, Natal, &c., are for the most part different—*Potamides decollatus*, *Clionella sinuata*, and an *Assiminea* inhabit brackish waters.

<i>Limax</i> .....	4	—	—	—	—
<i>Arion</i> .....	1	<i>Limnaea</i> .....	1	<i>Paludina</i> .....	3
—	—	<i>Physa</i> .....	4	<i>Neritina</i> .....	1
<i>Vitrina</i> ..	4	<i>Physopsis</i> ..	1	—	—
<i>Helix</i> .....	35	<i>Ancylus</i> .....	1	<i>Corbicula</i> .....	1
<i>Succinea</i> .....	4	<i>Planorbis</i> ..	3	<i>Cycas</i> .....	1
<i>Bulimus</i> .....	13	—	—	<i>Planorbium</i> .....	1
<i>Pupa</i> .....	6	<i>Vaginulus</i> ..	1	<i>Unio</i> .....	1
<i>Achatina</i> ..	7	<i>Oncidium</i> .....	1	<i>Iridaea</i> .....	1
<i>Cyclostoma</i> .....	6	<i>Auricula</i> .....	6		

### 5. YEMEN—MADAGASCAR.

The S. W. Highlands of Arabia (Yemen) form a distinct Botanical province isolated by rainless deserts to the north. The land snails consist of a few species of *Helix* and *Bulimus*, *Cyclostoma lithidion*, and 3 species of the section *Otopoma*, a group also found in Madagascar. Two species are common to the island of Socotra (No. 30), which also has a species (of *Pupa*) common to Madagascar. *Bulimus guillaini*, *Cyclostoma gratum*, *modestum* and *Souleyeti* are found on the island of Abd-el-Gouri.

Very few land shells have been collected on the mainland of Eastern Africa, although it is a rainy region, and well wooded in the southern part; 5 species only are recorded from Mogadoxa and Ibu, belonging to the genera *Helix*, *Bulimulus*, *Achatina*, *Pupa*, and *Otopoma*. On the Island of Zanzibar are found *Achatina Rodatzi* and *allisa*, *Cyclostoma Creplini* and *Zanguebarica*; *Pupa cerea* is common to Zanzibar and Madagascar.

Madagascar itself is rich in land shells; Dr. Pfeiffer enumerates—*Helix* 28 sp., *Bulimus* 6, *Succinea* 14, *Pupa* 1, *Achatina* 4 (one of which, *eximia*, is allied to *A. Columna*, of W. Africa), and 32 *Cyclostomidae*. chiefly of the section with spiral ridges (*Tropidophora*), 3 of the division *Otopoma*. *Cyclostoma cariniferum* and *Cuvieri* are found on the Island of Nosse Be; *Helix guillaini* on S. Maria I. Amongst the fresh-water shells are *Melania amarula*, *Melanatria fluminea*, and *Neritina corona*.

The land shells of the Mascarene Islands are nearly all peculiar. We are indebted to Mr. W. H. Benson for most of the

*Seychelles* (No. 31 of Map).

*Parmacella* Dussumieri.  
*Helix* unidentata.  
 „ Studeri.  
 „ Souleyeti.  
 „ Tranquebarica.  
*Streptaxis* Souleyeti.

*Bulimus* ornatus.  
 „ fulvicans.  
*Cyclostoma* insulare.  
 „ pulchrum.  
*Cyclotus* conoides.

*Mauritius* (32).

*Parmacella* perlucida.  
 „ Rangii.  
 „ mauritii.  
*Helix* philyrina.  
 „ inversicolor.  
 „ stylodon.  
 „ mauritiana.  
 „ mauritianella.  
 „ rawsoni.  
 „ semicerina.  
 „ mucronata.  
 „ nitella.  
 „ rufa.  
 „ similis.  
 „ suffulta.  
 „ albidens.

*Helix* Barclayi.  
 „ odontina.  
*Vitrina* angularis.  
*Tornatellina* cernica.  
*Gibbus* Antoni.  
 „ Lyonneti.  
*Succinea* sp.  
*Bulimus* clavulinus.  
 „ Mauritianus.  
*Pupa* pagoda.  
 „ fusus.  
 „ sulcata.  
 „ clavulata.  
 „ modiolus.  
 „ funicula.  
 „ vernipolis.

*Pupa* Largillierii.  
*Cyclostoma* Barclayi.  
 „ Michaudi.  
 „ carinatum.  
 „ undulatum.  
 „ insulare?  
*Cyclotus* conoides?  
*Otopoma* Listeri.  
 „ hamastoma.  
*Realis* rubens.  
 „ aurantiaca.  
 „ multilirata.  
 „ expansilabris.  
 „ globosa.  
*Megalomastoma* eroceum.

Two large species of *Achatina* (*fulica* and *panthera*) abounding in the coffee plantations, are believed to have been introduced. The annual fall of rain in Mauritius is 35.25 inches.

*Bourbon* (No. 33).

*Helix* cœlatura.  
 „ detecta.  
 „ delibata?

*Helix* tortula.  
 „ Brandiana.  
*Pupa* Largillierii—Mauritius.

*Rodriguez.*

*Cyclostoma* articulatum, Madagascar?

*Streptaxis*—pyriformis.

No. 34. *Kerguelen's Land*. *Helix* Hookeri was collected at this island when visited by the Antarctic Expedition.

## 6. INDIAN REGION.

Proceeding eastward, in Asia, the species of *Achatina*, *Pupa*, *Clausilia*, *Physa*, *Limax*, and *Cyclostoma* rapidly diminish or quite disappear. Helices of the section *Nanina* become plentiful, amounting to 150 species, and *Bulimulus* and *Cyclophorus* attain their maximum. *Leptopoma*, and *Pupina* are peculiar to the Asiatic Islands.

Our catalogue of Indian land shells must be very imperfect, including only about 180 *Helicidæ* and 50 *Cyclostomidæ*. A very

few of the Indian species are common to China and the Asiatic Islands, or even to Ceylon. The shells of northern India resemble those of the Lusitanian region; in the south they approximate more to the large and vividly coloured species of the Asiatic Islands. In the Himalaya land shells are numerous, and ascend as high as the region of Junipers and Rhododendrons, 4,000—10,000 feet above the sea.

<i>Helix</i> .....	53	<i>Pupa</i> .....	7	<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	20
<i>Nanina</i> .....	46	<i>Giamilla</i> .....	7	<i>Leptopoma</i> .....	1
<i>Ariophanta</i> .....	8	<i>Vitrina</i> .....	9	<i>Pterocyclus</i> .....	10
<i>Streptaxis</i> .....	3	<i>Succinea</i> .....	7	<i>Cyclotus</i> .....	3
<i>Bulinus</i> .....	45	<i>Parmacella</i> .....	2	<i>Megalonostoma</i> .....	4
<i>Achatina</i> .....	16	<i>Cyclostoma</i> .....	2	<i>Diplommatina</i> .....	2

*Parmacella* and *Vaginulus* are found in India, and the typical fresh-water species of *Oncidium*. Ordinary forms of *Limnas* and *Planorbis* are abundant, and there is one species of *Anogyis*. *Physa* occurs only in a fossil state, or is represented by the singular *Camptoceras* of Benson. *Hypostoma Boyssii*, *Auricula Juda*, and *Polydonta scarabæus* are also Indian forms.

The gill-breathing fresh-water shells of India are very numerous, especially the *Melania*s and *Melanatrias*, and species of *Pirena*, *Paludomus*, *Hemimitra* (*retusa*), *Ampullaria*, *Pahudina*, *Bithynia*, *Nematura* (*deltæ*), *Assiminea* (*fasciata*), *Neritina* (particularly *crepidularia* and *Smithii*) and *Navicella* (*tessellata*).

The brackish-water species of *Cerithidium*, *Terebralia*, and *Pyrazus* are mostly common to India and North Australia.

The fresh-water bivalves are a few ordinary forms of *Unio*, 3 species of *Cyrena*, a *Corbicula* (of which 6 species have been made), *Cyclas Indica*, *Arca scaphula*, *Glaucomya coræa*, and *Nosculina gangetica*.

*Ceylon*. The land-shells of Ceylon have been investigated by Mr. Benson; they most resemble those of the Neilgherry hills, but are nearly all specifically distinct, and even some of the genera are peculiar. It seems entitled to rank as a province. *Helix Waltoni* and *Skinneri*, are examples of the most characteristic form of *Helices*; the *Vitrini*-form type (*Nanina*) is also common. *H. hamastoma*, one of the most conspicuous species, found on trees at P. Galle, is common to the Nicobar Islands. The *Achatinas* belong to a distinct section (*Leptinaria*, Beck), also represented on the Continent. Some of the *Bulinus* approach

1-water shells belong to the genera *Limnæa*, *Physa*, (not found on the Continent); *Planorbis*, *Melania*, (peculiar), *Paludomus*, *Bithynia*, *Ampullaria*, *Neritocella*, *Unio*, and *Cyrena*.

Nicobar Islands are found—*Catulus tortuosus*, *Helicobarica* and *Pupina Nicobarica*. *Helix castanea* is from . (Beck.)

## 7. CHINA AND JAPAN.

few land-snails known from China are of Indian and Siamian types; viz.—*Helix* 20, *Nanina* 10, *Streptaxis* 1, (China), *Bulimus* 5, *Achatina* 2, *Pupa* 1, *Clausilia* 11, *Physa* 1, *Helicarion* 6, *Cyclophorus* 1, *Cyclotus* 1, *Otopoma* 1. On the Island of Chusan Dr. Cantor discovered the genera *Helicina* and *Incilaria*. The most characteristic bivalves are *Mya Sinensis*, and *Symphynota plicata*; 3 species (or less) of *Cyrena* and 9 *Corbiculas* are described by Deshayes, *Planorbis* by Dunker.

On the Japanese and Loo-choo Islands only 9 species of *Helix*, *Nanina*, 2 of *Clausilia*, and 2 of *Helicarion* have been obtained.

## 8. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The extraordinary richness of these islands has been developed by the researches of Mr. Cuming. The *Helicidae* (above) are inferior in number only to those of Lusitania and the Philippines, and vastly superior in size and beauty of colouring. *Cyclostomidae* (55) are not much fewer than in India. Nearly all species are confined to particular islands, and the repetition of forms makes it probable that many of them are geographical varieties. The climate is equable, with a temperature about that of South China (66°—84°), woods are prevalent and rains heavy—all circumstances favourable to the individuality and abundance of land-snails.

.....160	<i>Clausilia</i> .....	1	<i>Cyclotus</i> .....	6
..... 40	<i>Vitrina</i> .....	18	<i>Megalomastoma</i> .....	1
..... 3	<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	15	<i>Pupina</i> .....	9
.....105	<i>Leptopoma</i> .....	16	<i>Helicina</i> .....	7

*Helices* belong in great part to the section *Callicochlias* and *Helicostyla* (*mirabilis*) Fér. Some with sharply-keeled shells have been called *Geotrochi* (*Iberus* of Albers). The others are chiefly of the section *Orthostylus* (Beck), large and



highly coloured, with a *hydrophancous* epidermis, the bands becoming translucent when wetted; others, like the well-known *B. perversus*, represent the typical Brazilian forms. To these islands belong most of the helicina-shaped *Cyclophori* (*Leptopoma*.)

The fresh-water shells are numerous; above 100 were obtained by Mr. Cuming, including many species of *Melania* (54 ?), *Navicella lineata*, and *suborbicularis*, 5 species of *Glaucomya*, *Unio verecundus*, a *Corbicula*, and 11 sp. (?) of *Cyrena*.

*Celebes and Moluccas.* From these islands we have on record, at present, 16 species of *Helix*, *Nanina* 19, *Bulimus* 3, *Vitriina* 2 (*viridis* and *flammulata*, Quoy), *Cyclophorus* 1. In the fresh-water ponds and rivulets Mr. A. Adams found species of *Melania*, *Assiminea*, *Ampullaria*, and *Navicella*; *Auricula subulata* and *Conovulus leucodon*. *Neritina sulcata* was found on the foliage of trees several hundred yards from the water.

#### 9. JAVA.

The Java group, including Floris and Timor, have been partially explored from the head-quarters of the Dutch settlement at Batavia. The land and fresh-water shells are nearly all peculiar, a few only being common to the Philippines and North Australia; they have been described and figured by M. Albert Mousson (8vo. Zurich, 1849, 22 plates).

<i>Helix</i> .....	15	<i>Platycoster?</i> .....	2	<i>Navicella</i> .....	2
<i>Nanina</i> . . . . .	9	<i>Meghimatium</i> .....	2	—	—
<i>Arlophanta</i> . . . . .	1	—	—	<i>Unio</i> and .....	} 4
<i>Bulimus</i> . . . . .	10	<i>Limnaea</i> .....	1	<i>Symphynota</i> .....	
<i>Clausilia</i> .....	6	<i>Auricula</i> .....	2	<i>Alasmodon</i> .....	2
<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	4	—	—	<i>Anodon</i> .....	1
<i>Cyclotus</i> .....	2	<i>Melania</i> .....	5	<i>Cyrena</i> .....	7
<i>Leptopoma</i> .....	1	<i>Ampullaria</i> .....	1	<i>Corbicula</i> .....	4
<i>Paracella</i> .....	2	<i>Neritina</i> .....	2		

#### 10. BORNEO.

The land shells of this great island are almost unknown, and the only reason for mentioning it separately is the doubt whether it should be considered part of the Javanese Province, or associated with the Moluccan and Philippine groups.

growing in floating logs used as landing places, 12 miles from the sea, up the Pantai river. The mangrove swamps abound with *Cerithidium*, *Terebralia Telescopium*, *Potamides palustris*, and *Quoyia*; *Auricula Midæ* and *Polydonta scarabæus* inhabit the damp woods.

## 11. PAPUA AND NEW IRELAND.

The land shells of New Guinea are nearly all distinct from those of the Philippines and Moluccas, and include some related to the Polynesian types. The Louisiade Islands to the south-east and New Ireland on the north of New Guinea are included with it.

<i>Helix</i> .....	30	<i>Partula</i> .....	3	<i>Leptopoma</i> .....	1
<i>Nanina</i> .....	7	<i>Pupina</i> .....	3	<i>Cyclotus</i> .....	1
<i>Bulimus</i> .....	2	<i>Otopoma</i> .....	1	<i>Helicina</i> .....	2

*Cyrenæ* are numerous in this region. *Cyclostoma australe* is common to the Australian Islands and New Ireland; *C. Massenæ* to Australia and New Guinea, and *C. Vitreum* to New Ireland, New Guinea, the Philippines, and India.

## 12. AUSTRALIAN REGION.

Both fauna and flora of Tropical Australia are distinct from those of New South Wales and Tasmania, the principal barrier being the desert character of the interior; but the localities of the land shells have not been defined with sufficient accuracy to show whether they are equally distinct. The most complete list is given by Prof. E. Forbes, in the Appendix to McGillivray's Narrative of the Voyage of H.M.S. Rattlesnake (1846-50); it specifies 48 *Helices* (of which *H. pomum* is the most conspicuous), 10 *Bulimi*, an *Achatina*, 6 *Vitrinas* (*Helicarion*) belonging to the mainland, and one from the Lizard Islands, and a dextral *Balea* (*australis*). *Pupa* and *Helicina* (*Gouldiana*) are only found on the islets off the north-east coast, and *Pupina* (*bilinguis*) at Cape York and the adjacent islets; a portion of the province which is densely wooded, and lies within the rain region of the Asiatic Islands. *Cyclostoma bilabre* of Menke's Catalogue is probably West Indian. The fresh-water shells of Australia are *Planorbis Gilberti*, *Iridinae*? (Victoria R.), *Unio auratus*, *cucumoides*, *superbus* (*Hyridella*), *australis*, *Corbicula* 4 species, *Cyrena* 3, *Cyclas egregia* (Hunter R.), *Pisidium semen* and *australe*, the last common to Timor.

More recently Cox has described 178 species, belonging prin-

cipally to East Australia. He notices, *Helix* 133, *Vitrina* 17, *Succinea*, 12, *Bulimus* 17, *Pupa* 6, *Balea* 1, and others belonging to genera *Triboniophorus*, *Limax*, and *Planorbis*.

### 13. SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.

From extra-tropical Australia we have the following:—*Helix* 9, *Helicarion* 2, *Bulimus* 2, *Succinea* 1 (common to Swan River and Tasmania), *Limax olivaceus*, and one *Ancylus*. Two of the largest land snails, *Helix Cunninghamsi* and *Falconeri*, are found in New South Wales. The coasts of this region are thinly wooded, but much of it is rendered desert by want of rain; in New South Wales droughts recur at intervals of twelve years, and sometimes last three years, during which time scarcely any rain falls.

### 14. NEW ZEALAND.

The moist and equable climate of these islands (which have a mean temperature of  $61^{\circ}$ — $63^{\circ}$ ) is favourable to the existence of numerous land-snails. Nearly 100 species of land and fresh-water shells are already determined, and are all peculiar; the genus *Helix* musters 60 species, some of which, including the great *H. Busbyi*, resemble in shape the European *Helicellæ*; *Bulimus* 3, *Balea* (*peregrina*), *Vitrina* 2 of peculiar form, *Tornatellina* 1, *Cyclophorus cytora*, and *Omphalotropis egea*. There are two slugs, *Limax antipodarum* and *Janella bitentaculata*; two fresh-water *pulmonifera*, *Physa variabilis* and *Latia neritoides*; several marine air-breathers,—*Oncidium* (*Peronia*) 2, *Siphonaria* 3, *Amphibola* 1 (*avellana*). The other fresh-water shells are *Melanopsis trifasciatus* (a Lusitanian type), *Assimineæ antipodarum* and *Zelandiæ*, *Amnicola* ? *corolla*, *Cyclos Zelandiæ*, and *Unio Menziesii* and *Aucklandicus*.

*Vitrina zebra* is found at the Auckland Islands.

### 15. POLYNESIAN REGION.

The Pacific Islands are partly the volcanic summits of submerged mountain ranges, usually fringed or surrounded with coral reefs; and partly *atolls* or lagoon islands, scarcely rising

chiefly, perhaps entirely, colonised by drift from the lands.

Volcanic groups are the Ladrões, Sandwich Islands, and, as far as the north of the low coral zone; and to the south the Salomons, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, and Feejees (Friendly Islands, Navigator's and Cook's Islands—Society Austral Islands, ending with Pitcairn's and Elizabeth Island. Many of these are very lofty. Their molluscan fauna is entirely peculiar, but it has most affinity with those of New Zealand and the Asiatic Islands, and great analogy with those of St. Helena, Brazil, and the West Indies.

*Salomons—New Hebrides—New Caledonia—Feejees.*

The most remarkable land-shells of these islands are the great aciculoid, *Bulimi* (e.g. *B. auris-bovinæ* and *B. miltochlius* of the Salomons). *Acicula striata* and 2 sp. of *Cyrena* are found at Vanicoro; and *Physa sinuata*, *Peronia acinosa* and *corpulenta*, and several Neritinas and coronated Melanias, have been obtained at the Feejees.\*

<i>Helix</i> .....	18	<i>Bulimus</i> .....	10	<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	2
<i>Uvula</i> .....	2	<i>Partula</i> .....	6	<i>Omphalotropis</i> .....	1
<i>Trina</i> .....	6	<i>Acicula</i> .....	1	<i>Helicina</i> .....	6

*Friendly Islands—Navigator's—Society Islands.*

The principal lofty and rocky islands of the southern Pacific, to which land shells have been obtained, are Tonga, Samoa, Oahu, and Manua; Tahiti, Oheteroa, and Opara; Pitcairn's Island and Elizabeth Island. Each appears to have some peculiar species and some common to other islands; the little raised coral islet Aurora (*Metia*), north-east of Tahiti, 250 feet in elevation, has four land-snails which have been found nowhere else—*Helix pertenuis*, *dædalea*, *Partula pusilla*, *Helicina trochlea*. Samoa and the Friendly Islands must have intimate geographical relations; the same forms, and many of the same species and shells, occur on both groups; not a single Feejeean species was collected on either." (Gould.)

<i>Helix</i> .....	13	<i>Tornatellina</i> .....	6	<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	5
<i>Uvula</i> .....	18	<i>Pupa</i> .....	3	<i>Omphalotropis</i> .....	6
<i>Bulimus</i> .....	1	<i>Succinea</i> .....	12	<i>Helicina</i> .....	13
<i>Partula</i> .....	15	<i>Electrina</i> .....	1		

The fluviatile shells are species of *Physa*, *Melania*, *Assiminea*

The Feejees (*Viti*) are more nearly allied to the westward islands, such as the New Hebrides, than the Friendly Islands. *Succinea* and *Partula*, so plentiful at the Friendly Islands, are not found at the Feejees. (Gould, U.S. Exploring Expedition).

(*Taheitana*) *Neritina*, and *Navicella*; the two last being often littoral, or even marine, in their habit.

#### Low Coral Islands.

The Atolls, or lagoon-islands, are less prolific: 2 *Helices* and 2 *Partula* are found at Oualan, in the Caroline Archipelago; and from Chain Island (*Annua*), the centre of commerce in the eastern Archipelago, have been obtained—*Helix* 2 sp., *Nanina* 1, *Partula* 1, *Tornatellina* 1, *Cyclophorus* 1, and *Melampus macro-natus*.

#### Sandwich Islands.

The land shells of these islands exceed 200, and are all, or nearly all, peculiar: there is one *Limax*; and in the fresh waters are found *Limnæa volutatrix*, *Physa reticulata* (Gould), *Neritopsis*? *Neritina Nuttalli* and *undata*, and *Unio contrarius* (Lea).

In the I. Kauai, two species of *Achatina* have been found: the *Achatinellæ* are elongated (*Leptachatina*, G.) and the *Helices* planorboid and multispiral. In Molokai the *Achatinellæ* are large and coloured. In Maui and Oahu the *Helices* are small and glabrous, or hispid, ribbed, and toothed. In Hawaii, *Succineæ* prevail, and *Achatinellæ* are rare. (Gould.) The large number of *Achatinellæ* is partly due to this group having been specially studied by Judge Cooper of America.

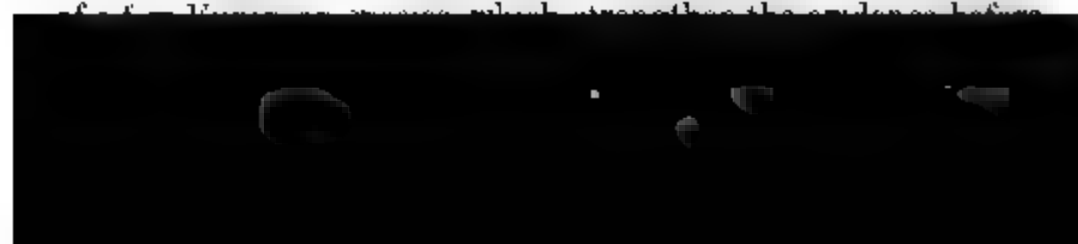
<i>Helix</i> .....	20	<i>Achatina</i> .....	5	Pupa .....	3
<i>Nanina</i> .....	5	<i>Achatinella</i> .....	204	<i>Vitrina</i> .....	3
<i>Bulinus</i> .....	5	<i>Tornatellina</i> .....	3	<i>Succineæ</i> .....	10
<i>Partula</i> .....	4	<i>Bales</i> .....	1	<i>Helicina</i> .....	6

The Island of Guam, Ladrones, has 3 sp. of *Partula*, 2 of *Achatinella*, and 1 *Omphalotropis*. At the Marquesas have been found 3 sp. of *Nanina*, 1 *Partula*, and 1 *Helicina*.

### NEW WORLD.

#### 16. CANADIAN REGION.

The country drained by the Great Lakes and the river St. Lawrence possesses very few peculiar shells, and these mostly of fresh-water genera. It is chiefly remarkable for the presence



- Helix hortensis* (imported), coast of New England and banks of St. Lawrence.  
 „ *pulchella* (smooth var. only), Boston, Ohio, Missouri.  
*Helicella cellaria* (*glaphyra*, Say?), N. E. and middle States.  
 „ *pura*, *nitida*, and *fulva*?  
*Zus lubrica*, North West Territory.  
*Succinea amphibia* (= *campestris*, Say?).  
*Limax agrestis* (= *tunicatus*, G.), Mass.  
 „ *flavus*, New York, introduced.  
*Vitina pellucida* (= *Americana*?)      *Limnæa palustris* (= *elodes*, Say?).  
*Arion hortensis*, New York (Dekay.)      „ *truncatula* (= *desidiosa*?).  
*Aplexa hypnorum* (= *elongata*, Say?).  
*Auricula deticulata*, Mont., New York Harbour.  
*Alasmodon margaritiferus* (= *arcuatus*, Barnes).  
*Anodon cygneus* (= *fluvialis*, Lea?).

The shells proper to Canada, or derived from the adjoining States, are only 6 sp. of *Helix*, 2 *Succineas*, and 1 *Pupa*; 8 sp. of *Cyclas* have been obtained from the region of Lake Superior.

The following species occur in New England:—

<i>Helix</i> .....	13	<i>Physa</i> .....	2	<i>Unio</i> .....	5
<i>Succinea</i> .....	2	<i>Planorbis</i> .....	11	<i>Alasmodon</i> .....	2
<i>Pupa</i> .....	7	<i>Paludina</i> .....	1	<i>Anodon</i> .....	2
<i>Limnæa</i> .....	7	<i>Valvata</i> .....	2	<i>Cyclas</i> .....	6
<i>Ancylus</i> .....	2	<i>Auricula</i> .....	1	<i>Pisidium</i> .....	1

*Carychium exiguum*, Say, is found in Vermont, and *Limnæa* (*Acella*) *gracilis* in Lake Champlain; *Valvata tricarinata* and *Paludina decisa* are characteristic forms.

The genera *Clausilia* and *Cyclostoma* are entirely wanting in Canada and the Northern States. The *Limacidae* are represented by *Philomycus*, of which there are 9 reputed species, ranging from Massachusetts to Kentucky and South Carolina.

## 17. ATLANTIC STATES.

The parallel of 36° N. lat. forms the boundary-line of two botanical regions in the United States; but the evidence of the fresh-water shells, in which they are particularly rich, seems to favour a division into two hydrographical provinces—the region of the Atlantic streams and the basin of the Mississippi. About 50 fresh-water *Pulmonifera*, 150 *pectinibranchiata*, and 250 bivalves, are reputed to be found in the States, and it is supposed that only a few species are common to both sides of the Alleghanies. *Cyclas mirabilis*, *Pisidium Virginicum*, *Cyrena*

3,000 feet on the mountains of Scotland. (Watson.) According to Pallas it abounds on the western flanks of the Ural Mountains, but disappears on their eastern side, and is not found in Siberia. In the *Pliocene period* it appears to have spread itself northward and westward to Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland, where it still grows, the only heath indigenous to the New World. (Humboldt.)

*Carolinensis*, and *Unio complanatus* and *radiatus*, are characteristic of the eastern rivers; *Melania depygis* is said to be the only member of that large genus found eastward of the Hudson River. Of the American land-snails, 29 sp. of *Helix*, 6 *Succineas*, and 13 *Pupas* are enumerated from the Atlantic States. In Florida the propinquity of the West Indian fauna is strongly indicated by the occurrence of the great *Glandina truncata*, by species of *Cylindrella*, and a *Helicina*. A Cuban species of *Chondropoma* (*C. dentatum*) is also said to occur in Florida, and *Ampullaria depressa* in Florida and Georgia.

The *Pulmonifera* of North America have been carefully examined by Messrs. Binney,\* Bland,† and others. The following summary of North American *Pulmonifera* is given by Mr. Binney. The area is nearly co-extensive with our regions, Nos. 16 and 17.

<i>Arion</i> .....	2	<i>Bulimus</i> .....	21	<i>Melampus</i> .....	11
<i>Limax</i> .....	3	<i>Achatina</i> .....	6	<i>Carychium</i> .....	1
<i>Philomycus</i> .....	2	<i>Pupa</i> .....	12	<i>Limnaea</i> .....	24
<i>Vitrea</i> .....	2	<i>Vertigo</i> .....	4	<i>Physa</i> .....	19
<i>Succinea</i> .....	18	<i>Cylindrella</i> .....	4	<i>Planorbis</i> .....	21
<i>Glandina</i> .....	6	<i>Veronicella</i> .....	1	<i>Anodonta</i> .....	10
<i>Helix</i> .....	131				

There are also found in the fresh waters of this district *Melaniadae* 380, *Paludinidae* 58, *Cycladidae* 44, *Unionidae* 552.

### 18. AMERICAN REGION.

The mass of American land and fresh-water shells are found in the central and southern States, the country drained by the Mississippi and its tributaries. The *Helicidae* are not more remarkable for size and colour than those of northern Europe; the most characteristic forms belong to the sub-genus *Polygyra* (or *Tridopsis*, Raf.), such as *Helix tridentata*, *albolabris*, *hirta*, and *septemvolvis*. The truly North American forms all belong to three genera, viz.—*Helix* 43, *Succinea* 8, *Pupa* 3 species. In the Southern States are also found 5 species of *Bulimus*, 3 *Cylindrellas*, 2 *Glandinas*, and 5 *Helicinas*, genera whose metropolis is in the Antilles or in tropical America.

The fresh-water animals include above 100 species of *Mela-*

(*P. magnifica*); and species of *Valvata*, *Limnæa*, *Physa* *orbis*, and *Ancylus* (5).

Fresh-water bivalves are also extremely numerous: they are unequalled for their ponderous solidity, the richness of their interiors, and the variety of their external forms.\* *Anodon cuneatus*, *Cyrena floridana*, 16 species of *Cyclas*, and *Union* *altile*, belong to this region.

## 19. OREGON AND CALIFORNIA.

The Fauna of the region beyond the Rocky Mountains is believed to be almost entirely distinct from that of the United States. *Arion* (foliolatus) and *Limax* (Columbianus), genera not indigenous to eastern America, were found near Puget Sound. (Gould). We have no information respecting the land and fresh-water shells of Russian America, but from analogy we may expect to find a few there identical with those already mentioned as occurring in Siberia.†

The shells of Oregon and California are principally known by the researches of Nuttall, Couthouy, and Binney.

<i>Helix</i> .....	34	<i>Physa</i> .....	9	<i>Cyrena</i> .....	2
<i>Bulimus</i> .....	10	<i>Ancylus</i> .....	4	<i>Cyclas</i> .....	1
<i>Achatina</i> .....	1	<i>Planorbis</i> .....	12	<i>Union</i> .....	1
<i>Succinea</i> .....	4	<i>Melania</i> .....	2	<i>Alasmodon</i> .....	1
<i>Limnæa</i> .....	12	<i>Potamides</i> .....	2	<i>Anodon</i> .....	3

*Limnæa fragilis*, a Canadian species, is said to range westward to the Pacific; and *L. jugularis* to be common to Michigan, the North-west territory, and Oregon. (De Kay.) *Limnæa umbrosa*, Say? and *Planorbis corpulentus*, Say, are found in the Columbia River.

## 20. MEXICAN REGION.

The lowlands of the northern half of Tropical America constitute only one botanical region, extending from the Rio Grande del Norte to the Amazon; but on zoological grounds it may be divided into two smaller areas. The Mexican province, including Central America, itself comprises three physical regions: the comparatively rainless and treeless districts of the west; the mountains or high table-lands with their peculiar flora; and

\* The private cabinet of Mr. Jay contains above 200 species of North American *Unionida*, and very many varieties.

† The affinity between the *Mammalia* of the Old and New Worlds is greatest in eastern Asia and north-west America, and diminishes with distance from these regions. (Waterhouse, in Johnston's Physical Atlas, No. 28.)



the rainy wooded region that borders the Caribbean Sea. The land snails of Central America resemble those of the Antilles in the prevalence of some characteristic genera—*Glandina*, *Cylindrella* and *Helicina*,—of which very few species are found on the northern Coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The *Bulimi* are numerous, but chiefly thin, translucent species.

<i>Helix</i> .....	33	<i>Glandina</i> .....	25	<i>Ostrea</i> .....	7
<i>Proserpina</i> .....	1	<i>Tornatellus</i> .....	1	<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	3
<i>Bulimus</i> .....	50	<i>Pupa</i> .....	1	<i>Chondropoma</i> .....	3
<i>Succinea</i> .....	6	<i>Cylindrella</i> .....	20	<i>Megaloma</i> .....	3
<i>Achatina</i> ( <i>Spiraxia</i> ) ..	35	<i>Cyclopus</i> .....	1	<i>Helicina</i> .....	23

Amongst the fresh-water shells are *Neritina picta*, *Cycas maculata*, *Corbicula convexa*, and 7 species of *Cyrena*. From Mazatlan, Mr. Carpenter describes *Cyrena olivacea* and *Mexicana*, *Gnathodon trigonus*, *Anodon ciconia* (allied to the Brazilian *A. anserina*), *Physa aurantia* and *elata*, *Planorbis* sp. *Melampus olivaceus*. Two brackish-water species, *Cerithidium varicosum* and *Montagnei*, are common to South America.

## 21. ANTILLES.

The West Indian Islands have supplied nearly 500 species of *Helicidae*, a larger number than any province except the Lusitanian; and above 260 *Cyclostomidae*, or nearly three times as many as India. They are also richest in generic forms, and the climate is highly favourable to the multiplication of individuals. The mean temperature of the Antilles is 59°—78°, and the annual fall of rain exceeds 100 inches in most of the islands.

<i>Helix</i> .....	300	<i>Pupa</i> .....	26	<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	1
<i>Stenopus</i> .....	3	<i>Cylindrella</i> .....	73	<i>Cyclopus</i> .....	14
<i>Sagda</i> .....	29	<i>Clausilia</i> .....	1	<i>Megaloma</i> .....	8
<i>Proserpina</i> .....	5	<i>Balea</i> .....	1	<i>Helicina</i> .....	43
<i>Bulimus</i> .....	53	<i>Succinea</i> .....	16	<i>Alcadia</i> .....	17
<i>Achatina</i> .....	27	<i>Chondropoma</i> .....	15	<i>Trochateila</i> .....	16
<i>Glandina</i> .....	46	<i>Chondropoma</i> .....	53	<i>Lucidella</i> .....	6
<i>Spiraxia</i> .....	9	<i>Adamsiella</i> .....	10	<i>Stomatoma</i> .....	20
<i>Tornatellus</i> .....	1	<i>Ostrea</i> .....	36	<i>Geomalania</i> .....	21

Probably every island has some peculiar species, and those

art, and *Cistula*, part.)\* The solitary *Clausilia* is found in Porto Rico, the *Balea* in Haiti, and the *Tornatellina* in Cuba; *Stenopus* is peculiar to St. Vincent's. Bermuda has 4 *Helices*, of which one is common to Texas and one to Cuba. The *Chondropomas* are found in Cuba and Haiti.

The West Indian *Achatinae* belong to the sub-genera *Glandina*, *Liguus* and *Spiraxis*; the *Bulimi* are sharp-lipped and mostly small and slender (*Subulina*, *Orthalicus*). *Helix* (*Sagda*) *epistylium*, *H. Carocolla*, and *Succinea* (*Amphibulima*) *patula* are characteristic forms.

Although connected with Florida by the chain of the Bahamas, and with Trinidad by the lesser Antilles, very few species are common to the mainland of either North or South America; the relation is generic chiefly.

The *Limacidae* are represented by *Vaginulus* (*Sloanei*); and in the fresh waters there are species of *Physa* (3), *Planorbis* (8), *Ancylus*, and the peculiar *Gundlachia*, *Valvata pygmaea*, *Ampullaria* (*fasciata*), *Paludestrina* (minute species), *Hemisinus*, and 2 species of *Pisidium*.

In the brackish waters are *Cerithidium*, *Neritina* (e.g. *meleagris*, *pupa*, *virginica*, *viridis*), *Melampus* (*coniformis*), and *Pedipes quidridens*.

## 22. COLUMBIAN REGION.†

The tract shaded in the map comprehends several minor regions; 1, the rainy and wooded states of New Granada and Ecuador; 2, the elevated and nearly rainless province of Venezuela, with a flora like that of the higher regions of the Andes; 3, the Guianas, including the Valley of the Amazon, where the forests are most luxuriant, and rain falls almost daily (amounting to 100 or even 200 inches in the year). Most of the low lands, like those of the Mexican Province, belong to the "Cactus Region" of botanists, and have a mean temperature of 68°—84°. Land shells are abundant in the forests and underwood of the lower zone of the mountains, where the temperature is 10° less and the rains more copious. *Bulimi* are the predominant forms, especially the succinea-shaped species, (e.g. *B. succinoides*).

\* A magnificent collection of Jamaica land shells has been presented to the British Museum by the Hon. E. Chittty, whose researches were conducted with the late Professor C. B. Adams.

† In 1821 the States of New Granada, Venezuela, and Ecuador united to form the "Columbian Republic," but dissolved again in 1831.

<i>Helix</i> .....	49	<i>Pupa</i> .....	7	<i>Cistula</i> .....	1
<i>Streptaxis</i> .....	3	<i>Clausilla</i> ..	4	<i>Bourciera</i> .....	1
<i>Bulinus</i> .....	200	<i>Cylindrella</i> .....	1	<i>Cyclotus</i> .....	3
<i>Snucinea</i> .....	9	<i>Vitrina</i> ..	1	<i>Adamsiella</i> .....	1
<i>Turnatellina</i> .....	1	<i>Limax</i> .....	1	<i>Helicina</i> .....	6
<i>Achatina</i> .....	10	<i>Choanopoma</i> .....	2	<i>Trochatella</i> .....	1
<i>Glandina</i> .....	5	<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	2		

The presence of several species of the old-world genera *Clausilia* and *Streptaxis*—both wanting in North America—becomes a significant fact when taken in connection with the affinities of the higher animals of South America and Africa. These imply a land-way across the Atlantic (at some *very remote* period), more direct than would be afforded by the continent which is believed to have united the boreal regions at the close of the Miocene age.\*

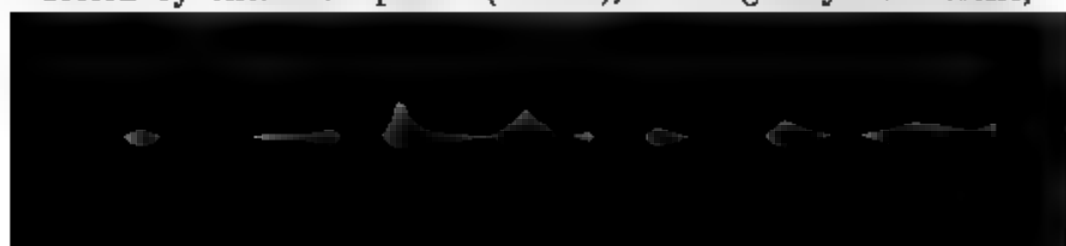
*Corbicula cuneata* and 3 species of *Cyrena* are found in the Orinoco and smaller rivers; and the remarkable genus *Mülleria*, representing the African *Ætheria*, inhabits the Rio Magdalena. A species of *Ancylus* is recorded from Venezuela.

#### Galapagos Islands (No. 35).

The fauna and flora of these islands are peculiar, but related to tropical South America. The only known land-shells are 17 small and obscure species of *Bulinus*, of which the most remarkable is *B. achatinellinus*. Some of them are peculiar to particular islands, like the birds and reptiles, viz.:—Chatham Island 2, Charles Island 3, Jacob Island 2, James Island 1. "The Archipelago is a little world within itself, or rather a satellite attached to America, whence it has derived a few stray colonists, and has received the general character of its indigenous productions." (Darwin's Journal, p. 377.)

#### 23. BRAZILIAN REGION.

The "region of Palms and Melastomas," extending from the Amazon to the southern tropic, is one of the richest zoological provinces. It includes Bolivia, and the largest portion of Peru, all that lies to the east of the Andes. The greater part of the region is mountainous and rainy and densely wooded, but intersected by extensive plains (*Llanos*), some grassy and fertile,



others dry, rocky and rainless, especially in the south; it is watered by numerous streams—the affluents of the Amazon and Plata. The hydrographical areas of these two great rivers have been represented on the map, but the southern boundary of the Brazilian Province extends beyond the line of watershed to the tropic, including the head-waters of the Plata, in which the same remarkable fresh-water bivalves are found as in the Bolivian streams. (D'Orbigny). The mountains around the Lake Titicaca are the highest in the New World, and there M. D'Orbigny found several species of *Helix* up to the elevation of 14,000 feet; *Bulimus Tupaici* ranges to 9,000 feet. The large and typical species of *Bulimus* belong to this province; *B. ovatus* and *oblongus* are found near the coast (p. 291), and *B. maximus* farther inland. The auriculoid *Bulimi* (*Otostomus*, and *Pachyotis*, Beck), those with an angular mouth (*Goniostomus*, Beck), and the pupiform species, with a toothed aperture, (*Odontostomus*), are characteristic of this region, and also some of the most elongated forms (*Obeliscus*). The lamp snails (*Anastoma*) and *Megaspira*, genera inhabiting France during the Eocene period, are now peculiar to Brazil; *Simpulopsis* is also peculiar, and *Streptaxis* attains its maximum there. The *Cyclostomidæ* are few, and the other West Indian forms have almost disappeared.

<i>Helix</i> .....	47	<i>Glandina</i> .....	1	<i>Cyclophorus</i> .....	2
<i>Streptaxis</i> .....	11	<i>Tornatellina</i> .....	1	<i>Cyclotus</i> .....	1
<i>Anastoma</i> .....	7	<i>Vitrina</i> .....	5	<i>Cistula</i> .....	1
<i>Bulimus</i> .....	250	<i>Omalonyx</i> .....	1	<i>Helicina</i> .....	12
<i>Megaspira</i> .....	2	<i>Simpulopsis</i> .....	5		

The land slugs are *Peltella palliolum*, *Vaginulus solea*, and *Limax andicolus*. The fresh-waters of the interior are rich in bivalves of peculiar genera :\*—

<i>Physa</i> .....	1	<i>Ampullaria</i> .....	2	<i>Unio</i> .....	4
<i>Ancylus</i> .....	1	<i>Corbicula</i> .....	2	<i>Iridina</i> .....	1
<i>Planorbis</i> .....	4	<i>Pisidium</i> .....	1	<i>Hyria</i> .....	1
<i>Paludestrina</i> .....	2	<i>Anodon</i> .....	1	<i>Castalia</i> .....	2
<i>Marisa</i> .....	1	<i>Monocondylæa</i> .....	1	<i>Mycetopus</i> .....	3
<i>Succinea</i> .....	27				

#### 24. PERUVIAN REGION.

The long and narrow tract between the Andes and Pacific, extending from the equator to 25° S. lat. forms a distinct, though comparatively unproductive province, including the coast of Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. It is warm and almost rainless;

\* The American Expedition explored forty Brazilian streams, and found only one *Ampullaria*, one *Melania*, and one *Planorbis*. (Gould.)

the clouds discharge themselves on the east side of the Andes, and rain is so rare on the west coast that in some parts it only falls two or three times in a century. In Peru, during great part of the year, a vapour rises in the morning, called the "garua;" it disappears soon after midday, and is followed by heavy dews at night.

Mr. Cuming collected 46 species of land snails in Peru; and Dr. Pfeiffer enumerates 100, but perhaps half the latter were from the eastern side of the Andes, belonging to the Brazilian Province. They are mostly *Bulimi*, and are smaller and less richly coloured than those of Bolivia and Brazil; *B. Deniceti*, *solutus*, and *turritus* are peculiar forms. *Cistula Delatreana* is the only operculated land snail, and *Vaginulus limayensis* the only slug.

<i>Helix</i> .....	12	<i>Pupa</i> .....	1	<i>Ancylus</i> .....	1
<i>Bulimus</i> .....	79	<i>Balea</i> .....	1	<i>Ampullaria</i> .....	1
<i>Succinea</i> .....	5	<i>Cistula</i> .....	1	<i>Paludestrina</i> .....	2
<i>Glandina</i> .....	1	<i>Physa</i> .....	1	<i>Cyrena</i> .....	2
<i>Tornatellina</i> .....	1	<i>Planorbis</i> .....	3	<i>Anodon</i> .....	1

## 25. ARGENTINE REGION.

The "region of arborescent Compositæ" has afforded scarcely any land snails; only 7 species of *Bulimus*, and 3 *Helices* are recorded, but some others may have been included with those of Brazil and Chili. From Bolivia this province is separated by the wide plains of the Great Desert, or northern prolongation of the Pampas; and all the eastern part has been submerged at a recent (geological) period; so that the only promising districts are Paraguay and the eastern declivities of the Chilean Andes. The fresh-water shells of the La Plata and its tributaries are more remarkable.

<i>Chilina</i> .....	7	<i>Cycas</i> .....	1	<i>Byssoanodon</i> .....	1
<i>Planorbis</i> .....	11	<i>Pisidium</i> .....	1	<i>Monocodylema</i> .....	4
<i>Ancylus</i> .....	4	<i>Corticula</i> .....	9	<i>Mycetopus</i> .....	1
<i>Ampullaria</i> .....	7	<i>Unio</i> .....	7	<i>Castalia</i> .....	1
<i>Asolene</i> .....	1	<i>Anodon</i> .....	10	<i>Iridina</i> .....	1
<i>Paludestrina</i> .....	7				

*Ampullaria* (*Marisa*) *cornu-arientis* is a characteristic shell; *Paludestrina lamium* has a claw like (non-spiral) operculum.



snails are few and small, and only seen after the dews. At Valparaiso rain is abundant during the three winter months, and the southern coasts are luxuriantly wooded, and extremely wet. The characteristic pulmonifera are the fresh-water *Chilinas*. The genus *Buchanania* is doubtful. There are 31 species of *Bulimus* (including *B. Chilensis*, *Plectostylus*) and 22 of *Helix*; *Succinea Chilensis*, *Ancylus Gayanus* (Valparaiso), *Planorbis fuscus*, *Paludestrina* sp. *Unio Chilensis*, *Pisidium Chilense* (Valdivia). *Helix Binneyana* is found on the island of Chiloë.

The Island of *Juan Fernandez* (36) has at least 20 species of land shells, all peculiar to it:—

<i>Helix quadrata</i> .	<i>Omalonyx Gayana</i> .	<i>Tornatellina minuta</i> .
„ <i>arctispira</i> .	<i>Achatina diaphana</i> .	„ <i>trochiformis</i> .
„ <i>pusio</i> .	„ <i>splendida</i> .	<i>Succinea Cumingi</i> .
„ <i>tessellata</i> .	„ <i>bulimoides</i> .	„ <i>mamillata</i> .
„ <i>ceroides</i> .	„ <i>conifera</i> .	„ <i>fragilis</i> .
„ <i>marmorella</i> .	„ <i>acuminata</i> ?	<i>Parmacella Cumingi</i> .
„ <i>helicophantoides</i> .	<i>Spiraxis consimilis</i> .	

In the adjoining island, *Masafuera*, are found—

<i>Tornatellina Recluzii</i> .	<i>Succinea semiglobosa</i> .
<i>Succinea rubicunda</i> .	„ <i>pinguis</i> .

## 27. PATAGONIAN REGION.

The Pampas, or great plains of Patagonia, are dry and rainless nearly all the year; the vegetation which springs up during the light summer rains becomes converted into natural hay for the support of the wild animals. In Fuegia the mean temperature is 33°—50°, and there is rain and snow throughout the year; yet the bases of the mountains are clothed with forests of evergreen beech.\* *Bulimus sporadicus* is found on the banks of the River Negro, and *B. lutescens* at the Straits of Magellan; *Helix lyrata* (costellata, D'Orbigny?) and *H. saxatilis* inhabit Fuegia. *Succinea magellanica* is also found at the Straits, and *Chilinia fluminea*, *Limnæa viatrix*, a *Paludestrina*, *Anodon puelchanus*, and *Unio Patagonicus* in the River Negro. *Peronia marginata* and *Potamides cœlatus* were discovered in Fuegia by Mr. Couthouy.

The *Falkland Islands* are 300 miles east of Patagonia, and the only recorded shells are two species of *Paludestrina*. There is

\* Humming-birds are seen fluttering about delicate flowers, and parrots feeding amidst the ever-green woods. (Darwin, p. 251.)

zoological evidence that these islands were united to the mainland of South America at no very distant geological period. The flora consists of characteristic plants of Fuegia and Patagonia, mingled, and overspreading the whole surface; few species are peculiar. (J. D. Hooker.)\*

\* Dr. Hooker has suggested that not only the Falkland Islands, but the far distant Tristan d'Acunha (p. 97) and Kerguelen's-land (p. 99), may be mountain-tops of a continent which has been submerged since the epoch of their existing flora. "There are five detached groups of islands between Fuegia and Kerguelen's-land (a region extending 5,000 miles), all partaking of the botanical peculiarities of the southern extremity of the S. American continent. Some of these detached spots are much closer to the African and Australian continents, whose vegetation they do not assume, than to the American; and they are situated in latitudes and under circumstances eminently unfavourable to the migration of species."

"The botany of Tristan d'Acunha (which is only 1,000 miles distant from the Cape of Good Hope, but 8,000 from the Straits of Magellan) is far more intimately allied to that of Fuegia than Africa. Of twenty-eight flowering plants, seven are natives of Fuegia, or typical of S. American botany.

"The flora of Kerguelen's-land is similar to, and many of the species identical with, those of the American continent. (Its geological structure) would bespeak an antiquity for the flora of this isolated speck on the surface of our globe far beyond our power of calculation. We may regard it as the remains of some far more extended body of land." (Botany of Antarctic Voyage, i. pt. 2, 1847).

## CHAPTER III.

## ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MOLLUSCA IN TIME.

THE historian of modern geology, Sir Charles Lyell, has taught us to regard the stratified rocks as so many monuments, recording the physical condition and living inhabitants of the earth in past ages.

Each *formation* consists of a similar and more or less complete series of limestones, sandstones, clay, coal, and other *strata*, representing the deep and shallow seas, the fresh-waters, and the terrestrial portions of the surface of the globe, at one particular period of time.\*

The organic remains found in the strata exhibit no such repetitions, but are changed gradually and regularly, from the earliest to the latest formations; so that the *mass of species* in each period must have been peculiar and distinctive.

The important theory, that strata may be identified by fossils, was taught by William Smith, early in the present century, and is thus expressed in his *Stratigraphical System*:—"Organised fossils are to the naturalist as coins to the antiquary; they are the antiquities of the earth; and very distinctly show its gradual, regular formation, with the various changes of inhabitants in the watery element."—"They are chiefly submarine, and as they vary generally from the present inhabitants of the sea, so at separate periods of the earth's formation they vary as much from each other; insomuch that each layer of these fossil organised bodies must be considered as a separate creation; or how could the earth be formed, *stratum super stratum*, and each abundantly stored with a different race of animals and plants."†

The "Prodrome" of M. D'Orbigny is a catalogue of the shells (and radiate animals) of each formation, from which it appears that the mass of the living population of the globe has been changed twenty times since the close of the First or Palæozoic Age; and although the fossils of the older rocks have not been generally classified with the same minuteness, yet enough is

\* The coal-measures and chalk of England cannot indeed be called *similar*, but the Cretaceous formations of the whole *world* afford *mineral* types, corresponding to, perhaps, every variety of Carboniferous rock.

† *Stratigraphical System of Organised Fossils*, 4to., Lond. 1817.



known to show that at least ten great changes had taken place before the Secondary epoch.

In the following Table, the first column gives the names of the Formations or Periods; the second contains those by which the principal strata are known.

## I. GEOLOGICAL TABLE.

FORMATIONS OR PERIODS.		NAME OF STRATA.
PALÆOZOIC AGE.	I. { 1. Tremadocian	{ Longmynd slate. (Bangor, Wicklow.) { Lingula flag = Primordial group. (Bavaria.) Tremadoc slate. Potsdam sandstone.
	II. { 2. Silurian	{ Llanvillo flag } Sala or Coniston Oreofor sandstone } group May-hill sandstone = Clinton group.
	III. { 3. Wenlock	{ Woolhope and Dudley limestones.
	IV. { 4. Ludlow	{ L. Ludlow, Aymestry lime., U. Ludlow.
	V. { 5. Ilertynian	{ Spirifer sandstone, Rhine. } Devonian and Plymouth limestone. } Old Red
	VI. { 6. Eifelian	{ Petherwin limestone. } Sandstone.
	VII. { 7. Clymenian	{ Carboniferous limestone (shale and coal.)
	VIII. { 8. Bernician	{ Coal-measures. (Millstone-grit, coal, &c.)
	IX. { 9. Denesian	{ Magnesian lime = Zechstein. (Pomm.)
	X. { 10. Permian	
SECONDARY AGE.	VI. { 11. Conchylian	{ New Red sandstone = Bunter.
	VII. { 12. Saliferous	{ Murchel-kalk = Corallite limestone.
	VIII. { 13. Lias	{ Lias = Silesites and Liasen.
	IX. { 14. Toarcian	{ Marlstone, Alum-shale. (Thouars.)
	X. { 15. Bajocian	{ Inf Oolite, Fuller's-earth. (Bayeux.)
	XI. { 16. Bathonian	{ Great Oolite. (Stonefield slate, G. Ool. Bradford cl. Forest m. Cornbrath.)
	XII. { 17. Oxfordian	{ Kelloway rock = Calloway, D'Orb. Oxford clay. (White Jura.)
	XIII. { 18. Corallian	{ Coral-reef and Calcareous grit.
	XIV. { 19. Kimmeridgian	{ Kimmeridge clay (Dorsetshire.)
	XV. { 20. Portlandian	{ Portland stone and Portland beds.
TERTIARY.	VI. { 21. Wealden	{ Hastings sand and Weald clay.
	VII. { 22. Neocomian	{ Speeton clay? (Neuchâtel).
	VIII. { 23. Albian	{ Lower Green-sand, and Aptian, D'Orb.
	IX. { 24. Cenomanian	{ Gault (District of the Aube, or Aile.)
	X. { 25. Hippuritic	{ Upper Green-sand. (Mans, Osmann.)
	XI. { 26. Senonian	{ Chalk-marl and L. Chalk = Turonian.
	XII. { 27. Londonian	{ Chalk with flint = Beaulieu limestone.
	XIII. { 28. Nummulitic	{ Maastricht chalk = Danian, D'Orb.
	XIV. { 29. Palæocene	{ Thanet sands, Plastic clay London clay.
	XV. { 30. Iccian	{ Bracklesham, Barton; I. Wight; = Purbeian. Hempenand, Fontainebleau, = Tertiary. Palaeo of Touraine; Bordeaux, Vienna. Org of E. Co. = Sub-apennine, D'Orb.

It must be observed that the number and magnitude of the

According to MM. Agassiz and D'Orbigny, all, or nearly all the fossils of each formation are peculiar; very few species being supposed to have survived from one period to another. Sudden and entire changes of this kind only take place when the nature of the deposit is completely altered—as when sands or clays rest upon chalk—and in these instances there is usually evidence (in the form of beds of shingle, or a change of dip) that an interval must have elapsed between the completion of the lower stratum and the commencement of the upper.

Professor Ramsay\* has discussed this subject at considerable length. He endeavours to prove that where we have a complete succession of rocks the species die out and appear gradually and almost imperceptibly; that where there is any sudden change in the fauna, it is always accompanied by an unconformity in the rocks—that is, the rocks do not lie evenly on one another, but the lower one shows an eroded surface, or its stratifications are not parallel with those of the upper rock. A break in the current of animal life is believed to be always accompanied by a break in the succession of rocks. Each break marks a lapse of time during which no deposition of mud, &c., took place on the area marked by the break. As it is assumed that the change of specific forms has proceeded at a uniform rate throughout geological time, it is argued that the greater the difference in the fauna, the longer was the time indicated by the break. “I cannot resist the general inference that in cases of superposition, in proportion as the species are more or less continuous—that is to say, as the break of life is partial or complete, first in the species, but more importantly in the loss of old and the appearance of new allied or unallied genera—so was the interval of time shorter or longer that elapsed between the close of the lower and the commencement of the upper formation; and so it often happens that strata a few yards in thickness, or,

recently applied by D'Orbigny, Sedgwick, Murchison, and Barrande; and some are adopted from popular usage. *Geographical* names, and those derived from characteristic fossils have been found the best, but no complete scheme of *zoological* nomenclature has been framed.

The epithet “Turonien” (25) is rejected, because it conveys the same meaning with “Falunian” (29), or Middle Tertiary, the type of which was taken from Touraine.

The term *Icenian* is proposed for the Pliocene strata because their order of succession was first determined by Mr. Charlesworth, in the eastern counties of England, the country of the ICENI. We have left the table as it stood in the first edition of this work; but we should mention here that one formation should be placed at the head, viz., the Laurentian, and the beds deposited during and since the glacial epoch at the foot:

\* Anniversary Addresses, Q. J. Geol. Soc., vols. xix. and xx. 1863 and 1864.

more notably still, the absence of these strata, may serve to indicate a period of time as great as the vast accumulations of the whole Silurian series." The lapse of time is in most cases further marked by extensive denudations of strata. During the Palaeozoic age ten physical breaks are known, six of which occur before we reach the Devonian formation. In every case but one (and in that the rocks are almost entirely devoid of animal remains), there is an entire change in the species and a considerable change in the genera. The breaks in the Secondary period are less marked and less numerous, amounting to about four; and they are still less marked in the Tertiary period.

We have seen that distinct faunas may be separated by narrow barriers in existing seas; and differences almost as great may occur on the same coast-line without the interposition of any barrier, merely in passing from a sea-bed of rock and weed to one of sand or mud, or to a zone of different depth. It would be unreasonable to expect the same fossils in a limestone as in a sandstone; and even in comparing similar strata we must consider the probability of their having been formed at different depths, or in distinct zoological provinces.

The most careful observations hitherto made, under the most favourable circumstances, tend to show that all sudden alterations have been *local*, and that the law of change over the whole globe and through all time has been gradual and uniform. The hypothesis of Sir O. Lyell, that species have been created, and have died out, *one by one*, agrees far better with facts, than the doctrine of periodic and general extinctions and creations.

As regards the zoological value of the "formations," we shall be within the truth if we assume that those already established correspond in importance with geographical provinces; for at least half the species are peculiar, the remainder being common to the previous or succeeding strata. This will give to each Geological period a length equal to three times the average duration of the species of marine shells.\*

*The Distribution of the Species in the Strata* (or in Time) is like their distribution in space. Each is most abundant in one horizon, and becomes gradually less frequent in the beds above

and below; the locality of the newest rock in which it occurs being often far removed from that of the oldest.\*

That species should be created at a single spot, and gradually multiply and diffuse themselves, is sufficiently intelligible. That, after attaining a certain climax of development, they should decline and disappear, is a fact involved in mystery. But even if it depends on physical causes, and is not a law of all Being, its operation is equally certain, and does not appear to vary beyond moderate limits.

The deep-sea shells (such as *Rhynchonella*, *Terebratula*, and *Yoldia*) enjoy a longer range in time, as well as in space, than the littoral species; whilst the land and fresh-water shells are most remarkable for specific longevity.†

In each stratum there are some fossils which characterise small subdivisions of rock, just as there are living species of very limited range.



When species once die out they never reappear; one evidence of their having become extinct consisting in their replacement by other species, which fulfilled their functions, and are found in deposits formed under similar conditions. (Forbes.)

The total number of species is greater in the newest formations than in those of older date; but the ratio of increase has not been ascertained.‡

*Distribution of Genera in Time.*—The doctrine of the Identification of strata by fossils derives its chief value from the fact that the development and distribution of genera is as much subject to law as the distribution of species; and, so far as we know, follows a similar law.

Groups of strata, like the zoological provinces, may be of various magnitudes; and whilst the smaller divisions are characterised by peculiar species, the larger groups have distinct sub-genera, genera, and families, according to their size and importance.

William Smith himself observed that “three principal families of organised fossils occupy nearly three equal parts of Britain.”

\* M. Agassiz and Professor E. Forbes have represented, diagrammatically, the distribution of genera in time, by making the horizontal lines (such as in p. 124) swell out in proportion to the development of the genera. Those whose commencement, climax, and end are ascertained may be represented by a line of this kind  Genera which attain their *maxima* in the present seas are thus expressed 

† Land and fresh-water shells of existing species are found with the fossil bones of the *Mastodon* and *Megalonyx*, in N. America. (Lyell.)

‡ The number in each formation depends on the extent to which it has been investigated, and on the opinions entertained as to the strata referable to it. Professor Phillips has discussed this subject in his work on Devonian fossils (p. 165), and in the “Guide to Geology.”

"*Echini* are most common in the superior strata ;

"*Ammonites* to those beneath ;

"*Producti*, with numerous *Encrini*, to the lowest."

This kind of generalisation has justly been considered by Professor E. Forbes of higher importance than the identification of strata by *species*—a method only applicable to moderate areas, and becoming less available with distance. Indeed it might be assumed that strata geographically distant, yet containing some identical species, must differ in age by the time required for the migration of those species from one locality to the other.

A table of the characteristic *species* of the English strata is of little use in America or India, except to show how few and doubtful are the identical fossils. Whereas the characteristic genera and order of succession of the larger groups are the same at the most distant localities ; and whatever value there may be in the assumption that particular systems of rocks contain most workable coal, lead, or rock-salt, is not lessened by the circumstance that the species of fossils in those rocks are not everywhere the same, since the genera alone are sufficient to identify them.

Genera, like species, have a commencement, a climax, and a period of decline ; the smallest usually range through several formations, and many of the typical genera equal the families in duration.

Groups of formations are called Systems, and these again are combined in three principal series :—Palaeozoic, Secondary, and Tertiary.

Thirteen geological systems, each having a number of peculiar genera, are shown in the accompanying table. (No. II.) Some of the genera cited have a wider range, like *Belemnites*, but are mentioned because of their abundance in one particular system. The names in *italics* are existing genera.\*

The third table contains the names of some of the larger genera, arranged according to the order of their appearance. This diagram conveys the impression that the series of fossiliferous strata is not completely known ; or that the beginning of many groups of fossils has been obliterated in the universal metamorphism of the oldest stratified rocks.†

## II. TABLE OF CHARACTERISTIC GENERA.

SYSTEMS.	GENERA AND SUB-GENERA.
1. CAMBRIAN, or Lower Silurian .....	{ Camaroceras, Endoceras, Gonioceras, Pterotheca. Maclurea, Raphistoma, Holopea, Platyceras. Orthisina, Platystrophia, Porambonites, Pseudo-crania. Ambonychia, Modiolopsis, Lyrodesma.
2. SILURIAN .....	{ Actinoceras, Phragmoceras, Trochoceras, Ascoceras. Theca, Holopella, Murchisonia, Atrypa, Retzia. Cardiola, Clidophorus, Goniophorus, Grammysia.
3. DEVONIAN .....	{ Bactrites, Gyrocera, Clymenia, Apioceras, Serpularia. Spirifera, Uncites, Merista, Davidsonia, Calceola. Stringocephalus, Megalodon, Orthonota, Pterinea.
4. CARBONIFEROUS...	{ Nautiloceras, Discites, Goniatites, Porcellia. Naticopsis, Platyschisma, Metoptoma, Productus. Aviculo-pecten, Anthracosia, Conocardium, Sedgwickia.
5. PERMIAN .....	{ Camarophoria, Aulosteges, Strophalosia. Myalina, Bakewellia, Axinus, Edmondia.
6. TRIAS .....	{ Ceratites, Naticella, Platystoma, Koninckia, Cyrtia. Monotis, Myophoria, Pleurophorus, Opis.
7. L. JURASSIC .....	{ Belemnites, Beloteuthis, Geoteuthis, Ammonites. Alaria, Trochotoma, Rimula, Pileolus, Cyndrites. Waldheimia, <i>Thecldium</i> , Spiriferina, Ceromya. Gryphæa, Hippopodium, Cardinia, Myoconcha.
8. U. JURASSIC .....	{ Coccoteuthis, Leptoteuthis, Nautilus. Spinigera, Purpurina, Nerinæa, Neritoma. Pteroperna, Trichites, Hypotrema, Dicerat. Trigonia, Pachyrisma, Sowerbia, Tancredia.
9. L. CRETACEOUS ...	{ Crioceras, Toxoceras, Hamulina, Baculina. Requienia, Caprinella, Sphæra, Thetis.
10. U. CRETACEOUS ...	{ Belemnitella, Conoteuthis, Turritiles, Ptychoceras. Hamites, Scaphites, Pterodonta, Cinulia, Tylostoma. Acteonella, Globiconcha, Trigonosemus, Magas, Lyra. Neitheia, Inoceramus, Hippurites, Caprina, Caprotina.
11. EOCENE .....	{ Beloptera, Lychnus, <i>Megaspira</i> , <i>Glandina</i> , <i>Typhis</i> . <i>Volutilithes</i> , <i>Clavella</i> , <i>Pseudoliva</i> , <i>Seraphs</i> , <i>Rimella</i> . Conorbis, Strepsidura, Globulus, <i>Phorus</i> , Velates. Chilostoma, Volvaria, Lithocardium, Teredina.
12. MIOCENE .....	{ Spirulirostra, Aturia, Vaginella, Ferussina. Halia, Proto, Deshayesia, <i>Niso</i> , <i>Cassidaria</i> , Carolia. Grateloupia, <i>Artemis</i> , <i>Tapes</i> , <i>Jouannetia</i> .
13. PLIOCENE .....	{ <i>Argonauta</i> , <i>Strombus</i> , <i>Purpura</i> , <i>Trophon</i> . <i>Yoldia</i> , <i>Tridacna</i> , <i>Circe</i> , <i>Verticordia</i> .

## III. RANGE OF GENERA IN TIME.

Genera, arranged in their Order of Appearance.	Cambrian.	Silurian.	Devonian.	Carbonif.	Permian.	Trias.	L. Jura.	U. Jura.	L. Cret.	U. Cret.	Eocene.	Miocene.	Pliocene.
<i>Littorites</i> , <i>Raphistoma</i> , <i>Obolus</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Camaroceras</i> , <i>Atrypa</i> , <i>Pterinea</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Gomphoceras</i> , <i>Bellerophon</i> , <i>Pentamerus</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Orthis</i> , <i>Conularia</i> , <i>Marchisonia</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Spirifera</i> , <i>Athyris</i> , <i>Posidonomya</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Isorca</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Conocardium</i> , <i>Megalodon</i> , <i>Chonetes</i> ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Cardiomorpha</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Orthoceras</i> , <i>Loxonema</i> , <i>Cyrtia</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Pleurotomaria</i> , <i>Porcellia</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Productus</i> , <i>Macrochilus</i> , <i>Streptorhynchus</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Gommatites</i> , <i>Pleurophorus</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Edmondia</i> , <i>Myalina</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Acteonina</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Terebratula</i> , <i>Pinna</i> , <i>Cyprina</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Lima</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Gervillia</i> , <i>Myoconcha</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Ammonites</i> , <i>Naticella</i> , <i>Opis</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Trigonia</i> , <i>Isocardia</i> , <i>Thecidium</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Cerithium</i> , <i>Plicatula</i> , <i>Cardita</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Trochotoma</i> , <i>Tancredia</i> , <i>Gryphaea</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Ancylloceras</i> , <i>Inoceramus</i> , <i>Unicardium</i> ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Astarte</i> , <i>Pholadomya</i> , <i>Corbis</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Nerinea</i> , <i>Goniomya</i> , <i>Exogyra</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Terebratella</i> , <i>Limopsis</i> , <i>Nemora</i> , <i>Argiope</i> ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Baculites</i> , <i>Cinulia</i> , <i>Radiolites</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Physa</i> , <i>Paludina</i> , <i>Unio</i> , <i>Cyrena</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Aporthais</i> , <i>Tornatella</i> , <i>Pyrula</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Pectunculus</i> , <i>Thetis</i> , <i>Crassatella</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Crenella</i> , <i>Chama</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Voluta</i> , <i>Conus</i> , <i>Mitra</i> , <i>Haliotis</i> , &c. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Aturia</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Helix</i> , <i>Auricula</i> , <i>Cyclostoma</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Pseudoliva</i> , <i>Rostellaria</i> , <i>Seraphis</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Purpura</i> , <i>Strombus</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Argonauta</i> , <i>Tridacna</i> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

The genera of the *older rocks* are believed to be nearly all extinct; for although the names of many recent forms appear in the catalogues of Palaeozoic fossils, it must be understood that they are only employed in default of more exact information. *Buccinum*, *Melania*, and *Mya* have been long since expunged; and *Modiola*, *Nucula*, and *Natica* are only retained

## IV. RANGE OF FAMILIES IN TIME.

Systems of Strata. }	Cambrian.	Silurian.	Devonian.	Carbonif.	Permian.						Trias.	L. Jura.	U. Jura.	L. Cret.	U. Cret.	Eocene.	Miocene.	Pliocene.	Recent.
Argonautidae .....																			
Fenestridae—Sepiidae .....																			
Belemnitidae .....																			
Nautilidae .....																			
Ammonitidae .....																			
Orthoceratidae .....																			
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Atlantidae—Hyalidae .....																			
Strombidae—Buccinidae .....																			
Oenidae—Volutidae .....																			
Naticidae—Calyptrenidae .....																			
Pyramidellidae .....																			
Cerithiidae—Littorinidae .....																			
Turbinidae—Ianthinidae .....																			
Fissurellidae—Tornatellidae .....																			
Vermetidae—Patellidae .....																			
Dentaliidae .....																			
Chitonidae .....																			
Bullidae .....																			
Helicidae—Limacidae .....																			
Lamneidae—Melaniidae .....																			
Ancylidae—Cyclostomidae .....																			
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Terebratulidae .....																			
Rhynchonellidae .....																			
Spiriferidae—Orthis .....																			
Productidae .....																			
Crinidae—Lingulidae .....																			
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Ancidae—Trigoniidae .....																			
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Cyprinidae—Anatinidae .....																			
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Veneridae—Tellinidae .....																			
Macridae .....																			
Solenidae .....																			
Gastrochaenidae—Pholadidae .....																			

*Distribution of Families of Shells in Time.*—Employing the term “families” for natural groups of genera, and adopting the smallest possible number of them, we find that sixteen, or nearly one-fifth, range through all the geological systems. Only seven have become extinct, viz. :—

Belemnitidae.  
Ammonitidae.  
Orthoceratidae.

Spiriferidae.  
Orthis.  
Productidae.

Hippuritidae.



Three others are nearly extinct:—

*Nautilidae.*

*Rhyssacellidae.*

*Trigonidae.*

And several have passed their maximum, and become less varied and abundant than formerly, *e.g.*—

*Turrostellidae.*

*Cyprinidae.*

*Anatidae.*

The extinct families and genera appear to have attained their *maxima* more rapidly than their *minima*; continuing to exist, under obscure forms, and in remote localities, long after the period in which they flourished.

The introduction of new forms, also, is more rapid than the process of extinction. If four Palaeozoic families disappear, twenty-six others replace them in the Secondary series; and three of the latter are succeeded by fifteen shell-bearing families in the Tertiary and existing seas.

In consequence of this circumstance, the number of types is three times greater in the newer Tertiary than it was at the Silurian period; and since there is no evidence or indication that the earth was ever destitute of life, either wholly or in part, it follows almost as a matter of necessity that the early types must have been more widely distributed and individually developed, than those of the present day.

From the following Table it will be seen that the number of genera and families increases with an amount of regularity which cannot be accidental. Moreover, the relation of these numbers is not liable to be much altered by the progress of discovery or the caprice of opinion. The *discovery* of new types is not likely to be frequent; the imposition of new names, in place of the old, will not increase the number of Palaeozoic genera; and the establishment of fresh and arbitrary distinctions will affect all the groups in due proportion.

If the number of groups called "Systems" were reduced to seven (*viz.*, three Palaeozoic, three Secondary, and one Tertiary, as shown in the following Table), then the *average* duration of a genus of shells would be equal to a System of Formations.

The duration of the smallest well-defined Families of shells is about equal to one of the three great Geological Divisions, or Ages.

## DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILIES, GENERA, AND SPECIES, IN TIME.

GEOLOGICAL SYSTEMS.		Total of Genera.	Cephalopoda.	Gasteropoda.	Brachiopoda.	Conchifera.	Total Number of Species (D'Orbigny).	Families.
PALÆOZOIC.	1 { Cambrian.....	42	12	11	15	11	363	18
	1 { Silurian.....	53	13	11	16	13	317	20
	2 Devonian.....	77	14	20	23	20	1035	24
	3 { Carboniferous.....	79	11	26	19	23	835	30
	3 { Permian*.....	65	6	24	16	20	74	30
SECONDARY.	4 Trias.....	81	9	25	16	31	713	35
	5 { L. Jurassic.....	107	13	35	12	43	1502	42
	5 { U. Jurassic.....	106	13	36	9	50	1268	49
	6 { L. Cretaceous.....	123	20	41	9	53	784	52
	6 { U. Cretaceous.....	148	16	59	14	59	2147	56
TERTIARY.	7 { Eocene.....	172	4	35	11	72	2636	60
	7 { Miocene.....	178	3	97	11	74	2242	60
	7 { Pliocene.....	192	1	100	12	79	437	69
	Recent.....	400	31	251	13	115	16,000	79
Recent & Fossil.....		520	56	280	34	150	30,000	85

*Order of Appearance of the Groups of Shells.*—The first and most important point shown in the preceding Tables, is the co-existence of the four principal classes of *testacea* from the earliest period. The highest and the lowest groups were most abundant in the palæozoic age; the ordinary bivalves and univalves attain their climax in existing seas. If there be any meaning in this order of appearance it is connected with the general scheme of creation, and cannot be inquired into separately; but it may be observed that the last-developed groups are also the most typical, or *characteristic of their class* (p. 49).

The *Cephalopoda* exhibit amongst themselves unmistakable evidence of order in their appearance and succession. The tetrabranchiate group comes earliest, and culminates about the period of the first appearance of the more highly-organised cuttle-fishes.† The families of each division which are least unlike

\* Those genera are estimated as belonging to each system which occur in the strata both above and below, as well as those actually found in it. We have left this table as it stood in the first edition, as we are unable to correct all the figures. This, however, is not of much importance, since the main points, such as the gradual increase in the number of families, would not be affected.

† The *Paleotectaxis* of Bronn (not D'Orb.) appears to be a *faà-bone*, from the equivalent of the Old Red sandstone in the Elfal.

(*Orthoceratidae* and *Belemnitidae*) were respectively the first developed.

Amongst the *Brachiopoda* the hingeless genera attained their maximum in the palæozoic age, and only three now survive (*Lingula*, *Discina*, *Crania*.)—the representatives of as many distinct families. Of the genera with articulated valves, those provided with spiral arms appeared first and attained their maximum while the *Terebratulidae* were still few in number. The subdivision with calcareous spires disappeared with the Liassic period, whereas the genus *Rhynchonella* still exists. Lastly, the typical group, *Terebratulidae*, attained its maximum in the chalk period, and is scarcely yet on the decline. The number of sub-genera (as well as genera) in each system is stated in the preceding table, because this group shows a tendency to "polarity," or excessive development at the ends of the series.\*

The genera of ordinary bivalves (*Conchifera*) are seven times more numerous in the newer tertiary than in the oldest geological system. The palæozoic formations contain numerous genera of all the families with an open mantle; *Cyprinidae*, *Anatinidae*, and the anomalous genus *Conocardium*. The mass of siphonated bivalves do not appear till the middle of the secondary age, and are only now at their maximum.

The *Gasteropoda* are represented in the palæozoic strata by several genera closely allied to the diminutive *Atlanta* and *Scissurella*, and by others perhaps related to *Ianthina*. The *Naticidae* and *Calyptræidae* are plentiful, and there are several genera of elongated spiral shells referred to the *Pyramidellidae*. In the secondary strata, *holostomatous* shells become plentiful; and in a few peculiar localities (especially Southern India) the genera of siphonated univalves make their appearance in strata of Cretaceous age. Fresh-water *Pulmonifera* of the recent genus *Physa* occur in the Purbeck strata, but the marine air-breathers and land-snails have not certainly been found in strata older than the Eocene tertiary.

*Order of Succession of Groups of Shells.*—It has been already pointed out that animals which are closely allied in structure

\* See the anniversary address of Professor E. Forbes to the Geological Society of London, Feb. 1854, p. 84. The hingeless species to have passed out of an extensive

and habit rarely live together, but occupy distinct areas, and are termed "representative species." The same thing has been observed in the distribution of fossils; the species of successive strata are mostly representative.

At wider intervals of time and space, the representation is only generic, and the relative proportions of the larger groups are also changed.

The succession of forms is often so regular as to mislead a superficial observer; whilst it affords, if properly investigated, a valuable clue to the affinities of problematic fossils.

It is now generally admitted that the earlier forms of life, strange as many of them seem to us, were really less metamorphosed—or departed less widely from their ideal archetypes—than those of later periods and of the present day.\* The types first developed are most like the embryonic forms of their respective groups, and the progression observed is from these general types to forms more highly specialised. (Owen.)

*Migration of Species and diffusion of Genera in Former Times.*—Having adopted the doctrine of the continuity of specific and generic areas, it remains to be shown that such groups as are now widely scattered can have been diffused from common centres, and that the barriers which now divide them have not always existed.

In the first place it will be noticed that the mass of the stratified rocks are of *marine origin*, a circumstance not to be wondered at, since the area of the sea is twice as great as the land, and probably has always been so; for the average depth of the sea is much greater than the general elevation of the land.†

The mineral changes in the strata may sometimes be accounted for by changes in the depth of the sea, or an altered direction of the currents. But in many instances the sea-bed has been elevated so as to become dry land, in the interval between the formation of two distinct marine strata; and these alterations are believed to occur (at least) *once in each formation*.

If every part of what is now dry land has (on the average)

\* Mr. Darwin has pointed out that the *sessile* Cirripedes, which are more highly metamorphosed than the *Lepadidæ*, were the last to appear. The fossil mammalia afford, however, the most remarkable examples of this law. At the present day such an animal as the three-toed horse (*Hippotherium*) of the Miocene Tertiary would be deemed a *lusus nature*, but in truth the ordinary horse is far more wonderful. Unfortunately, a new "vulgar error" has arisen from the terms in which extinct animals have sometimes been described, as if they had been constructed upon *several distinct* types, and combined the character of several classes.

† The enormous thickness of the older rocks in *all parts of the world* has been held to indicate the prevalence of deep water in the primæval seas.

been thirty times submerged, and has formed part of the sea-bed during two-thirds of all the past geological time,—there will be no difficulty in accounting for the migration of sea-shells, or the diffusion of marine genera.

On the other hand, it may be inferred that every part of the present sea has been dry land many different times; on an average not less than thirty times,—amounting to one-third of the whole interval since the Cambrian epoch.

The average duration of the marine species has been assumed at only one-third the length of a geological period, and this harmonises with the fact that so few (either living or extinct) have a world-wide distribution.

The life of the land-snails and of the fresh-water shells has been of longer average extent, enabling them to acquire a wide range, notwithstanding their tardy migrations.

But when we compare the estimated rate of change in physical geography with the duration of *genera* and *families* of shells, we not only find ample time for their diffusion by land or sea over large portions of the world, but we may perceive that such transferences of the scene of creation must have become inevitable.

*Method of Geological Investigation.*—In whatever way geological history is written, its original investigators have only one method of proceeding—from the known to the unknown—or backwards in the course of time.

The newest and most superficial deposits contain the remains of man and his works, and the animals he has introduced.

Those of pre-historic date, but still very modern, contain shells, &c., of recent species, but in proportions different from those which now prevail (pp. 89, 90, 93). Some of the species may be extinct in the immediate neighbourhood of the deposits, but still living at a distance.

In the harbour of New Bedford are colonies of dead shells of the *Pholas costata*, a species living on the coast of the Southern States. At Bracklesham, Sussex, there is a raised sea-bed containing 35 species of sea-shells living on the same coast, and 2 no longer living there, viz.—*Pecten polymorphus*, a Mediterranean shell, and *Lutraria rugosa*, still found on the coasts

species of shells from these "Glacial beds," nearly all of which are now existing in British seas.\*

In most of the localities for glacial shells, the species are all recent; but at Bridlington, Yorkshire, and in the Norwich Crag, a few extinct species are found (e.g. *Nucula Cobboldia*, Pl. 17, f. 18). At Ohillesford, Suffolk, *Yoldia arctica* and *myalis* occur of large size and in excellent preservation, with numerous specimens of *Mya truncata*, erect as they lived, in the muddy sea-bed. *Trophon scalariformis*, *Admete viridula*, *Scalardia grænlandica*, and *Natica grænlandica*, also occur in the Norwich Crag; and *Astarte borealis*, with several arctic forms of *Tellina*, are amongst the commonest shells, and frequently occur in pairs, or with their ligament preserved; the deposit is extensively quarried for shell-sand.

Raised sea-beds with Arctic shells at Uddevalla, in Sweden, have been repeatedly noticed ever since the time of Linnæus. Captain Bayfield discovered similar beds near Quebec, 50—200 feet above the River St. Lawrence, containing an assemblage of shells entirely Arctic in character; whereas in the present gulf he obtained an admixture of the American representatives of Lusitanian types, *Mesodema*, *Periploma*, *Petricola*, *Crepidula*.

The glacial deposits of the northern hemisphere extend about 15° south of the line of "northern limit of trees;" but this comparatively recent extension of the Arctic ocean does not appear to have much influenced, if it ever invaded, the inland basin of the Aralo-Caspian, which contains only one species common to the White Sea, *Cardium edule*, var. *rusticum*.†

The older pliocene period is represented in England by the *Coralline Crag*, a deposit containing 340 species of shells. Of these 73 are living British species, but (with two or three exceptions) they are such as range south of Britain. (Forbes.) The remainder are extinct, or living only to the south, especially in the Lusitanian province: e.g. *Fossarus sulcatus*, *Lucinopsis Lajonkairii*, *Chama gryphoides*, and species of *Cassidaria*, *Cleodora*, *Sigaretus*, *Terebra*, *Columbella*, and *Pyramidella*. It also contains a few forms belonging to an earlier age—a *Pholadomya*, a true *Pyrula*, a *Lingula*, and a large *Voluta*, resembling the Magellanic species.

\* The species which have retired farther north are marked (\*\*) in the preceding Arctic List, pp. 57, 58.

† Mr. Wm. Hopkins, of Cambridge, has investigated the causes which may have produced a temporary extension of the Arctic phenomena in Europe; and considers the most efficient and probable cause would be a diversion of the Gulf-stream, which he supposes to have flowed up what is now the valley of the Mississippi. (*Geological Journal*).

The shells of the newer tertiaries are always identical, at least generically, with those of the nearest coasts. Thus, in Patagonia are found species of *Trophon*, *Crepidula*, *Monoceros*, *Pseudoliva*, *Voluta*, *Oliva*, *Crassatella*, and *Solenella*. The tertiaries of the United States contain species of *Fulgur*, *Mercenaria*, and *Gnathodon*. The miocene shells of St. Domingo appear at first sight to be all of recent species, but on comparison prove to be mostly distinct.

The proportion of extinct species in the *Pliocene* tertiary varies from 1—50 per cent. If a deposit contains more than 50 per cent. of extinct species it is referred to the *Miocene* period; and this test is particularly valuable since the modern deposits are often isolated, and frequently no assistance can be derived from superposition, or even from identity of species.

In the *Eocene* tertiaries we perceive the "dawn" of the present order of things. All, or very nearly all, the species are different, but a large proportion of the genera are still existing, though not always in the seas nearest to the localities where they occur fossil.

Thus in the London clay are found—*Rostellaria*, *Oliva*, *Ancillaria*, and *Vulsella*, genera still living in the Red Sea; and many species of *Nautilus*, *Rimella*, *Scapha*, *Conus*, *Mitra*, *Pyrula*, *Phorus*, *Liotia*, *Cardilia*—genera characteristic of the Indian Ocean; *Cyprina*, *Typhis*, and *Volutilithes*, now living at the Cape; *Clavella*, at the Marquesas, and *Pseudoliva*, *Trochita*, and species of *Murex*, whose recent analogues are found on the western shores of South America.

The freshwater shells of this period are Old World forms: *Melanopsis*, *Potamides*, *Lampania*, *Melanatria*, and *Nematura*; whilst the land-shells form a group quite American in character—large species of *Glandina* and *Bulimus* (with reflected lip) *Megalomastoma* (*mumia*), a *Cyclotus* (with its operculum) like *C. Jamaicensis*, and the little *Helix labyrinthicus*.

*Secondary Age*.—In none of the older strata do we find indications of a warmer climate having prevailed, in the latitude of England, than that which marks the period of the London clay. And this is not more than can be accounted for by such a cause as the flow of an equatorial current from the direction of the Red Sea, until arrested by a continent to the south-west, as

The peculiar physical conditions of the *Chalk period* are represented at the present day, not so much by the Coral Sea, as by the *Ægean*, where calcareous mud, derived from the waste of the *scaglia* regions, is being rapidly deposited in deep water. (*Forbes.*)

The *Wealden period* was styled the "Age of Reptiles" by Dr. Mantell, who compared the state of England at that time with the present condition of the Galapagos Islands.

The *Oolitic period* finds its parallel in Australia, as long since pointed out by Professor Phillips, and the comparison holds good to some extent, both for the Marine and Terrestrial Faunas.

The *Trias*, with its foot-prints of gigantic wingless birds, has been compared with the state of the Mascarene Islands only a few centuries ago, and with the New Zealand Fauna, where birds are still the highest aboriginal inhabitants.\*

*Palæozoic Age.*—It has lately been shown by Professor Ramsay that signs of glacial action may be traced in some of the trappean conglomerates of the *Permian* and of the Devonian or Old Red Sandstone period in England; and Mr. Page has endeavoured to apply the same interpretation to phenomena of a similar character in the Old Red sandstone of Scotland.† Geologists generally have abandoned the notion, once very prevalent, of a universal high temperature in the earliest periods; a notion which they had derived from the occurrence of certain fossil plants, corals, and shells in high latitudes.

The absence of remains of mammalia in the palæozoic formations, is at present a remarkable fact, but it is completely paralleled in the great modern zoological province of the Pacific Islands.

Baron Humboldt has speculated on the possibility of some land being yet discovered, where gigantic lichens and arborescent mosses may be the princes of the vegetable kingdom.‡ If such exist, to shadow the Palæozoic age, its appropriate inhabitants would be like the cavern-haunting *Proteus*, and the *Silures* which find an asylum even in the craters of the Andes.

What, then, is it which has chiefly determined the character of the present zoological provinces? What law, more powerful than climate, more influential than soil, and food, and shelter;

\* In a paper read before the British Association, on the subject of the great extinct wingless birds of New Zealand, Professor Owen suggested the notion of land having been propagated like a wave throughout the vast interval between Connecticut and New Zealand, since the Triassic period.

† See also the Rev. J. G. Cumming's "Isle of Man" (1849), p. 89.

‡ Views of Nature, p. 221. Bohn's ed.



may, often seemingly producing results opposed to *a priori* probability, and at variance with the suitableness of conditions?"

The answer is, that each fauna bears, above all things, the impress of the age to which it belongs. Each has undergone a series of vicissitudes up to the time when its barriers became fixed, and after its isolation it has known no further change, but decline.

The number of living and fossil species of each genus of mollusca will be stated in the following pages, so far as they can be ascertained. With some modifications, these numbers give the following totals, by which the relative numerical development of the orders and families will be seen.

	Recent.	Fossil.		Recent.	Fossil.
<b>CEPHALOPODA. <i>Dibranchiata.</i></b>					
Argonautidae .. . . .	4	2	Neritidae .. . . .	423	100
Octopodidae .. . . .	63	—	Patellidae .. . . .	368	104
Tenuthidae .. . . .	104	21	Dentaliidae .. . . .	50	125
Belemnitidae .. . . .	—	140	Chitonidae .. . . .	250	27
Sepiidae .. . . .	20	15		3,455	5,619
Spirulidae .. . . .	3	—			
	204	169	<i>Pulmonifera.</i>		
<i>Tetrabranchiata.</i>			Helicidae .. . . .	4750	219
Nautilidae .. . . .	6	593	Limacidae .. . . .	93	4
Orithoceratidae .. . . .	—		Limnæidae .. . . .	333	185
Ammonitidae .. . . .	—	1600	(Marine) .. . . .	193	37
	6	2193	(Ditto, shell-less) .. . . .	35	—
<b>GASTROPODA. <i>Prosobranchiata.</i></b>				5,404	542
Strombidae .. . . .	87	393	<i>Operculated Pulmonifera.</i>		
Muricidae .. . . .	993	703	Cyclostomidæ .. . . .	903	45
Buccinidae .. . . .	1,144	352	Aculidae .. . . .	28	1
Conidae .. . . .	656	462		931	46
Volutidae .. . . .	686	210	<i>Tectibranchiata.</i>		
Cypræidae .. . . .	227	97	Tornatellidae .. . . .	62	166
Naticidae .. . . .	269	240	Bullidae .. . . .	168	69
Pyramidellidae .. . . .	218	394	Aplysiidae .. . . .	24	4
Cerithiidae .. . . .	192	610	Pleurobranchidae .. . . .	23	5
Melaniidae .. . . .	424	50	Phyllidiidae .. . . .	14	—
Turritellidae .. . . .	329	290		356	263
Littorinidae .. . . .	419	220	<i>Nudibranchiata.</i>		
Paludineæ .. . . .	217	110	Doridæ .. . . .	160	—
	180	101	Tritoniidae .. . . .	28	—
			Æolisæ .. . . .	101	—

	Recent.	Fossil.		Recent.	Fossil.
<i>Nucleobranchiata.</i>			<b>CONCHIFERA.</b>		
<i>Firolidae</i> .....	33	1	<i>Ostreidae</i> .....	426	1,362
<i>Atlantidae</i> .....	22	159	<i>Aviculidae</i> .....	94	638
	—	—	<i>Mytilidae</i> .....	217	331
	55	160	<i>Arcadae</i> .....	360	1,142
<b>PTEROPODA.</b>			<i>Trigoniadae</i> .....	3	139
<i>Hyaleidae</i> .....	52	95	<i>Unionidae</i> .....	549	58
<i>Limacinidae</i> .....	19	—	<i>Chamidae</i> .....	50	62
<i>Clionidae</i> .....	14	—	<i>Hippuritidae</i> .....	—	103
	—	—	<i>Tridacnidae</i> .....	8	3
	85	95	<i>Cardiidae</i> .....	200	360
<b>BRACHIOPODA.</b>			<i>Lucinidae</i> .....	178	446
<i>Terebratulidae</i> .....	67	340	<i>Cycladidae</i> .....	176	144
<i>Spiriferidae</i> .....	—	380	<i>Cyprindae</i> .....	176	956
<i>Rhynchonellidae</i> .....	4	422	<i>Veneridae</i> ...	600	329
<i>Orthidae</i> .....	—	328	<i>Mactridae</i> .....	147	58
<i>Productidae</i> .....	—	146	<i>Tellinidae</i> .....	560	388
<i>Craniidae</i> .....	5	37	<i>Solenidae</i> .....	63	81
<i>Discinidae</i> .....	10	90	<i>Myacidae</i> .....	121	334
<i>Lingulidae</i> .....	16	99	<i>Anatinidae</i> .....	246	400
	—	—	<i>Gastrochaenidae</i> .....	40	35
	102	1,842	<i>Pholadidae</i> .....	81	50
				—	—
				4,295	7,419

## GENERAL SUMMARY.

	Recent.	Fossil.		Recent.	Fossil.
<i>Dibranchiata</i> .....	204	189	<i>Nucleobranchiata</i> .....	55	160
<i>Tetrabranchiata</i> .....	6	2,193	<i>Pteropoda</i> .....	85	95
<i>Prosobranchiata</i> .....	8,465	5,819	<i>Brachiopoda</i> .....	102	1,842
<i>Inoperculated Pulmonifera</i>	5,404	542	<i>Conchifera</i> .....	4,295	7,419
<i>Operculated Pulmonifera</i> ..	931	46		—	—
<i>Tectibranchiata</i> .....	356	263		20,502	18,568
<i>Nudibranchiata</i> .....	318	—			

## CHAPTER IV.

## ON COLLECTING SHELLS.

The circumstances under which shells are found is a subject so intimately connected with the methods of collecting them, as to make it undesirable to treat of them separately.

Naturalists distinguish between the *habitats*, or geographical localities of species, and the stations or circumstances in which they are found: to the latter subject only slight allusion has been hitherto made (p. 7).

*Land-shells* are most abundant on calcareous soils (p. 29), and in warm and moist climates. The British species are collected with advantage in autumn, when full-grown, and showing themselves freely in the dews of morning and evening. Some species, like *Bulimus acutus*, are found only near the sea; *Bulimus Lackhamensis* ascends beech trees on the Chalk downs and Cotswolds; *Pupa Juniperi* and *Helix umbilicata* occur chiefly on rocks and stone walls. The moss-frequenting *Clausilia* may be obtained even in mild winter weather at the roots of trees; the small species of *Pupa* (or *Vertigo*) are sometimes taken abundantly when sweeping wet grass with an insect net; *Acicula fusca* lives at the roots of grass; *Cionella acicula* is found in old bones (such as occur in Danish burial-grounds!), and occasionally in moving garden-bulbs; *Helix aculeata* has been met with on the under sides of leaves (e.g. the sycamore), a few feet from the earth.

In tropical countries a large number of the land snails are *arboreal* in their habits. The West Indian palms (such as *Oreodoxa regia*) are the chosen abode of many species of *Helicidae*. M. Couthouy found *Bulimus auris leporis* on the orange and myrtle-trees near Rio, and *Partula* and *Helicina*, on the Dracænas and Bananas of the Polynesian Islands; and the sailors of H.M.S. *Rattlesnake*, in Captain Owen Stanley's expedition, became expert in collecting *Geotrochi* in the trees of

The following are examples of the elevations at which land-snails have been found. (pp. 289, 294.)

- Helix pomatia*, 5,000 feet—Alps. (Jeffreys.)
- „ *rupestris*, 1,200—5,000 ft.
- „ *burnetella*, Gould, 2,000—5,000 ft. Tahiti.
- Balimius vibex*, 7,000 ft. India. (Benson.)
- „ *nivicola* and *ornatus*, 14,000 ft. „
- „ *Lamarckiana*, 8,000 ft. New Granada.
- Achatina latebricola*, 4—7,000 ft. Landour.
- Pupa Halleriana*, 1,200—2,500 ft. Alps.
- „ *tantilla*, 2,000 ft. Tahiti.
- Clausilia Idæa*, 5,500 ft. Mt. Ida.
- Vitrina glacialis*, Forbes, 8,000 ft. Monte Rosa.
- „ *annularis*, 2,000—3,000 ft. Burgos. (M'Andrew.)
- „ *Teneriffæ*, 2,000—6,210 ft. Madeira.
- Helicina occidentalis*, Goulding, 2,000 ft. St. Vincent's.
- (*Limnaea Hookeri*, 18,000 ft. Thibet.)

The land-snails of warm and dry regions remain dormant for long periods (p. 14), and require no attention for many months after being collected.\*

*Freshwater shells* are collected with an insect net or “landing net” of strength suited to the work of raising masses of weed. The strongly rooted flags and rushes may be pulled up with a boat-hook; and *Cyclades*, as well as univalves, may be obtained by shaking aquatic plants over the net. For getting up the pearl mussels, the most efficient instrument is a tin bowl, perforated like a sieve, and fitted on the end of a staff, or jointed rod. (Pickering.)

In some situations the fresh-water shells are all much eroded (p. 33.), or coated with a ferruginous deposit. It may be desirable to find out the localities where the specimens are in best condition before collecting extensively. The *opercula* should always be preserved with the shells to which they belong; those of the *Cyclostomidæ* and *Melaniadæ* are particularly interesting.

The *Auriculidæ* are especially met with in damp places by the sea; in mangrove-swamps, and creeks and river-banks where the water becomes brackish. *Amphibola* and *Assiminea* are found in salt-marshes, *Siphonaria* and *Peronia* on the shore, between tide-marks.

*Collecting Sea-shells.*—The following remarks are from the pen

\* Land and fresh-water snails may be killed instantaneously with boiling water, if a few are done at a time; and cooled by removal to cold water. Every collector finds expedients for removing the animals more or less completely from their shells; those which, like *Clausilia*, retire beyond the reach of a bent pin may be drowned in tepid water.

of an experienced conchologist, Mr. W. J. Broderip:—"When the tide is at the lowest, the collector should wade among the rocks and pools near the shore, and search under overhanging ledges of rock as far as his arms can reach. An iron rake, with long close-set teeth, will be a useful implement on such occasions. He should turn over all loose stones and growing sea-weeds, taking care to protect his hands with gloves, and his feet with shoes and stockings, against the sharp spines of *Echini*, the back-fins of sting-fishes, and the stings of *Medusæ*. In detaching chitons and limpets, which are all to be sought for on rocky coasts, the *spatula* or case-knife will prove a valuable assistant. Those who have paid particular attention to preserving chitons have found it necessary to suffer them to die under pressure between two boards. Ormers (*Haliotides*) may be removed from the rocks to which they adhere by throwing a little warm water over them, and then giving them a sharp push with the foot sideways, when mere violence would be of no avail without injuring the shell. Rolled madrepores and loose fragments of rock should be turned over; cowries and other shell-fish frequently harbour under them. Numbers of shell-fish are generally to be found about coral-reefs." In coral regions the services of natives should be obtained, as they may render much assistance by diving or wading.

Advantage may be taken of *spring-tides*, especially at the equinoxes, to examine lower tracts of sea-shore than are ordinarily accessible. Many bivalves bury in sand and mud at extreme low-water, and may be obtained alive by digging with a spade or fork; others may be found boring in piles and rocks, and require the hammer and chisel for their extraction.\*

Mr. Joshua Alder remarks that "in collecting among rocks the principal thing is to look close, particularly in crevices and under stones. Minute species inhabiting sea-weed are best obtained by gathering the weed and immersing it for some time in a basin of sea-water, when the little mollusks will generally creep out. If the shells only are wanted, the surer and more ready way is to plunge the weed into fresh-water, when the animals immediately fall to the bottom."

The *floating mollusca* of the open sea, especially in tropical latitudes, are comparatively little known. Good drawers and

aptured alive, its movements should be watched in a vessel of sea-water, to see whether it has the power of rising and sinking at will; its mode of swimming, and position during these movements, and when at rest. The chambered shell should be opened under water, to ascertain if it contain a gas, the nature of which should, if possible, be made out. The pearly nautilus requires the same observations, which would be attended with more precision and facility from its larger size." (Owen.)\*

The *towing-net* used by Mr. McGillivray "consisted of a bag of bunting (used for flags) 2 feet deep, the mouth of which was sewn round a wooden hoop 14 inches in diameter; three pieces of cord,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  foot long, were secured to the hoop at equal intervals and had their ends tied together. When in use, the net was towed astern, clear of the ship's wake, by a stout cord secured to one of the quarter-boats, or held in the hand. The scope of the line required was regulated by the speed of the vessel at the time, and the amount of strain caused by the partially submerged net."†

*Trawling*.—Mr. John W. Woodall, of Scarbro', has kindly fur-

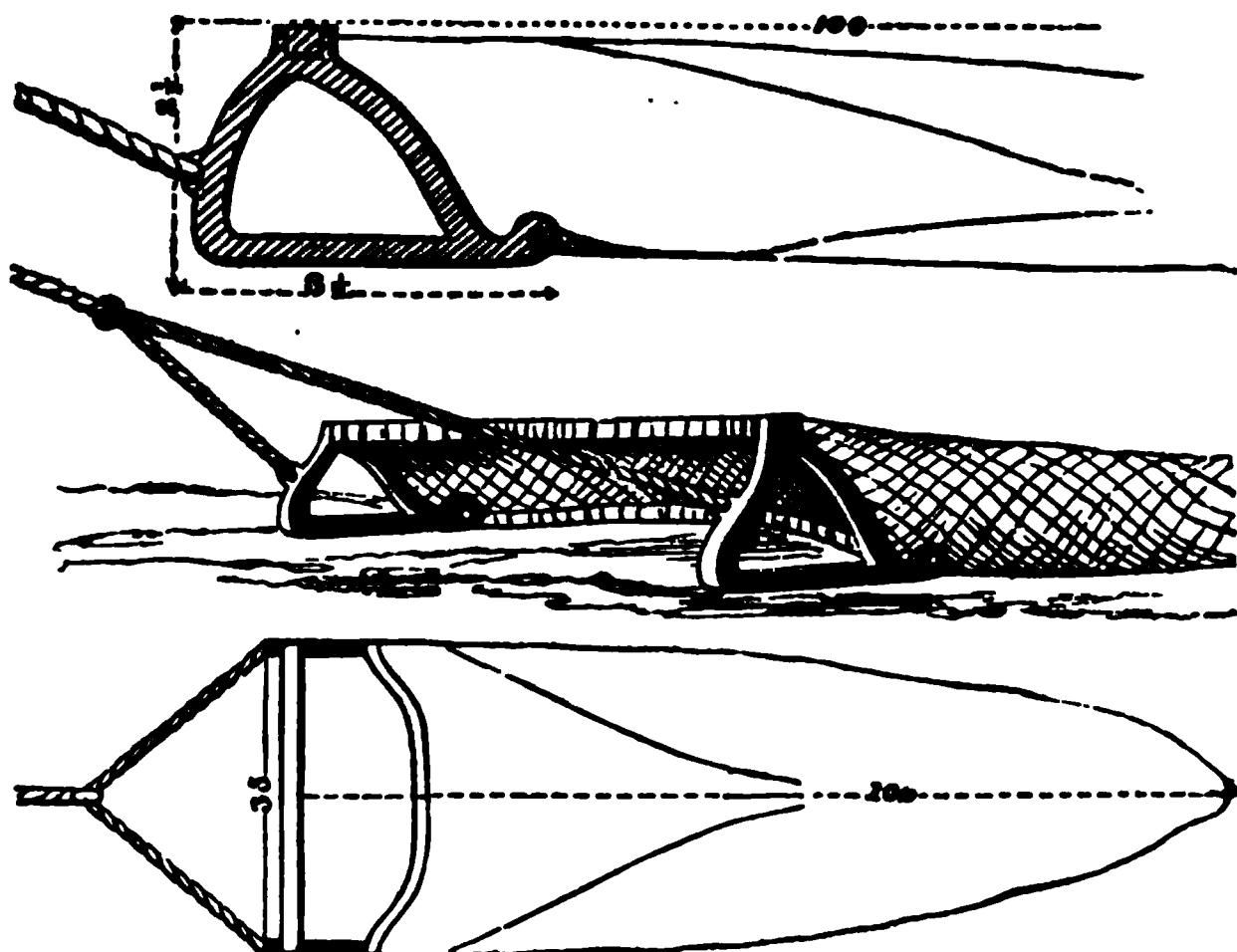


Fig. 32. A Trawl-net. A. Side view; B. Net in operation; C. Plan.

nished the following sketches and particulars:—"B, Fig. 32, is intended to represent a *trawl-net* at work on the bottom of the sea.

\* Admiralty Manual of Scientific Inquiry. 8vo. Lond. 1849.

† Voyage of H.M.S. *Rattlesnake*, vol i. p. 27.

The side frames are of iron, the upper beam of wood, and the lower edge of the net is kept down to the ground by means of a chain, which is welded or wrapped round with old rope. The beam is generally from 40 to 50 feet in length, and about 8 inches square. The net is about 30 yards in depth, and has a couple of pockets inside. The end is untied when the net is hauled on board for the purpose of taking the fish out. These nets can only be worked where the bottom of the sea is free from rocks. They are used by boats of 35 to 60 tons, manned by crews of from four to six men and two to three or four boys. In the vicinity of Scarbro' they fish between the shore-reefs and the off rock, which is 4 to 10 miles from land; the bottom is sand or clay, with 4 to 15 fathom water on the land side, and 17 to 25 fathoms on the off side." Immense quantities of crustacea and shell-fish are taken with the trawl, as well as ground-fish.

*Kettle-nets.*—On the flat, sandy coast of Kent and Sussex, the mackerel-fishery is pursued by setting up stakes 10 or 15 feet high, at distances of 10 feet apart, in lines running outwards from the shore at high-water, to low-water neap tides, where they are turned in the direction of the tide. To these stakes nets are attached, and leaved, which remain as long as the fish are on the coast. Cuttle-fish are frequently taken in these nets.

*Deep-sea Fishery.*—In North Britain an extensive ground-fishery is conducted by means of long lines—often a mile in length—with hooks and baits every few yards. These lines are laid out at night near the coast, and taken up the next morning. When used out at sea, the boats lay by for a few hours, and then take up the lines. The carnivorous whelks adhere to the baits (which have not been seized by fishes), and sometimes a bushel of them are taken in this way from a single line. *Rhynchonella peittacea*, *Panopæa Norvegica*, *Valutina*, and some of the scarce *Fusi*, have been obtained from these lines, the bivalves having been entangled accidentally by the hooks.

*For trapping whelks on rocky ground* a net may be made such as is used for crabs and lobsters, by attaching a loose bag to an iron ring of a yard across. This is fastened to a rope by three equal strings, baited with dead fish, and let down from a vessel at anchor or stowed better from a buoy. It is put down over-

fisheries are so rudely made as to injure the more delicate marine animals, and suffer all the minute things to escape. It is therefore necessary to have instruments specially adapted for the naturalist's work.

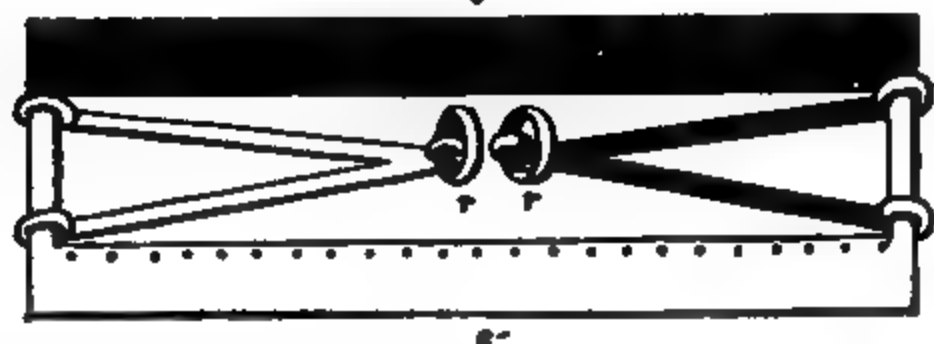


Fig. 33. Plan of the Framework of a Dredge, reduced to 1/2.

Fig. 33 is a plan, and Fig. 34 a side-view, of a small dredge, belonging to Mr. J. S. Bowerbank, and suited for such work as a private collector might do on the English coast. It is made of wrought iron, with movable joints, so as to fold up and carry in the hand. The bag attached to the dredge is formed of two pieces of raw hide (*h, h*), connected at the ends and bottom by net (*n*) made of cod-line, to allow the water to escape; and is fastened to the frame with copper wire, through the eyelet-holes. The towing-rope is attached to the rings (*r, r*), and when thrown overboard it scrapes with one or other of the cutting edges (*e, e'*). The opening is made narrow, to prevent the admission of large and heavy stones.

*Dredging* should not be attempted in a rowing-boat, unless near the shore, in smooth water, and with a depth not exceeding 5 or 10 fathoms. It may be managed in a light boat by two persons; one rowing, the other holding the rope of the dredge which is passed overboard near the stern.

The whelk and oyster-dredgers employ a decked sailing-vessel, and work several dredges simultaneously, each requiring a person to manage it.

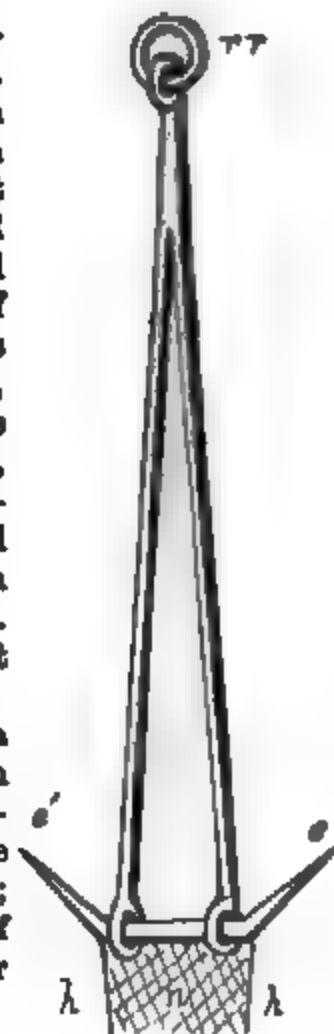


Fig. 34.



The dredges are put overboard on the weather-side, and the ropes made fast to a bulwark or thwart; each dredger holds the rope in his hand, after giving it a single turn round a thwart or "belaying pin," to regulate the strain by means of the spare line. When a sufficient distance has been traversed, or the ropes strain with the weight of mud and stones, the vessel is brought to, and the dredges hauled up and emptied.\*

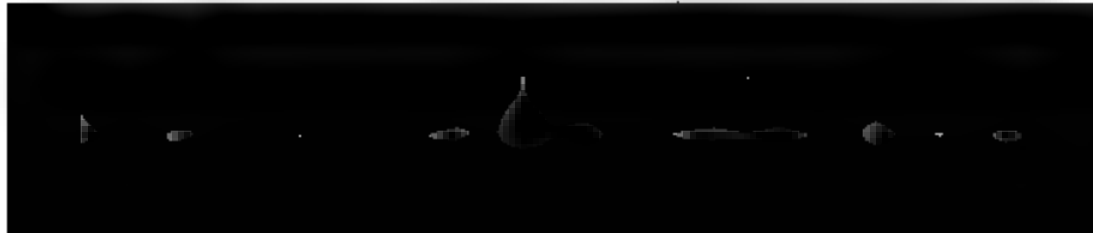
The *length of line* required is about *double* the depth of the water. If the line is too short, the dredge will only skim the bottom; if too long, it will be in danger of getting fast. When the bottom is loose sand or soft mud, the line must be shortened, or the vessel have more way, or else the dredge will be apt to get buried.

The *strength of the line* ought to be sufficient to anchor the vessel in smooth water,—though not, of course, when there is much way on her,—so that if the dredge gets foul it is necessary to let out the spare line and relieve the strain while the vessel is brought round. The dredge will then usually capsize, and may be hauled up.

If the bottom is at all rocky, a small strong dredge is best. The line must be shortened, and some additional precautions may be taken, such as fastening the rope to one ring of the dredge, and tying the other with spun yarn, which will break under a sudden and dangerous strain, and release one end of the dredge.

In dredging on coral-ground, Mr. Cuming employed a 3-inch hawser, and had a patent buoy attached to the dredge by a 1½-inch rope. More than once the hawser parted, and the dredge was left down all night, but recovered the next day.

Mr. McAndrew's researches on the coast of Norway were conducted in the *Naiad*, a yacht of 70 tons, and extended from the shore to 250 fathom water. The dredge employed was at least twice as strong and heavy as the one we have represented, and all forged in one piece, instead of folding up. The bag was fastened on the frame with thongs cut from the hide. Before using, it requires to be towed astern for a couple of hours, to soften it. In three months' work only two cow-hides were used, and one of those was torn by accident on sharp rocks. Several spare dredges were on board, in case of emergency, but not used.



calm weather, with a light breeze. The yacht is brought to the wind (by putting up the helm), the foresheet hauled to windward, mainsail hauled up, and mizen taken in; the gaff topsail also hauled up; she then drifts to leeward, and the dredge is thrown overboard to windward, with the line made fast amidships; the spare line being coiled up so as to be given out readily. When the dredge is to be hauled in, the rope is passed through a movable block, fixed to the shrouds, and the whole strength of the crew (fifteen hands) called into requisition, if necessary. When the depth does not exceed 50 fathoms, the boat, with three men and the two dredgers, is used.

If the dredge gets fouled, the rope is passed into the boat, brought over the dredge, and hauled up. In very deep water (150 fathoms) the line is carried forward and made fast to the bows, and the yacht itself hauled up till right over the dredge, which is then recovered without difficulty.

The contents of the dredge are washed, and sifted with two sieves, one " $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch," the other very fine. They are made of copper wire, and one fits into the other. The dredge is emptied into the coarse sieve and washed in the sea from the boat, or if in the yacht, they are placed in an iron frame, over the side of the vessel, and buckets of water poured on. The sediment retained in the fine sieve may be dried and examined at leisure, for minute shells.

The following "dredging-papers," kept on the plan recommended by Professor E. Forbes, have been selected by Mr. Barrett, to illustrate the kind of shells found at various zones of depth.

The shell-fish obtained by dredging should be at once boiled, and the animals removed, unless wanted for examination (p. 153). The bivalves gape, and require to be tied with cotton; the opercula of the univalves should be secured in their apertures with wool. The small univalves may be put up in spirit, or glycerine, to save time. In warm climates the flies and ants assist in removing any remains of the animals left in spiral shells, and *chloride of lime* may be necessary to deodorise them.

M. Petit de la Saussaye has given very full instructions for collecting and preserving shells, in the *Journal de Conchyliologie* for 1850, p. 215, and 1851, pp. 102, 226.

It is stated that both the form and colour of molluscan animals may be preserved in a saturated solution of *hydrochlorate of ammonia* (10 parts) and corrosive sublimate (1 part—first dissolved in alcohol), but the preparation is expensive and dangerous.

DREDGING PAPERS, AND RECORDS OF RESEARCHES  
ON THE COAST OF NORWAY.

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## I.

Date ... .. July 1st, 1856.  
 Locality ... .. Tromsø (Nordland).  
 Depth ... .. Between tide marks.  
 Ground .. ... Rock and sand.

Species.	Number of living specimens.	Number of dead specimens.	Observations.
<i>Mya truncata</i> ... ..	6	Many.	In sand.
<i>Tellina incarnata</i> ... ..	Many.	Many.	In sand.
<i>Astarte compressa</i> .. ..	1	0	On sand.
<i>borealis</i> ... ..	3	Many. <sup>1</sup>	On sand.
<i>Cardium edule</i> ... ..	Many.	Many.	In sand.
<i>Cremella discors</i> ... ..	Many.	0	Covering the under sides of stones.
<i>Acmaea testudinalis</i> ... ..	Many.	0	On rock.
<i>Margarita undulata</i> ... ..	6	0	On weed.
<i>helicina</i> ... ..	8	0	On weed.
<i>Littorina littorea</i> .. ..	Many.	0	On rock.
<i>radia</i> ... ..	Many.	0	On rock.
<i>Lacuna vineta</i> ... ..	2	0	On weed.
<i>Natica pusilla</i> ... ..	2	0	On sand.
<i>clausa</i> ... ..	Many.	0	On rock.
<i>Purpura lapillus</i> ... ..	Many.	Many.	On rock.
<i>Buccinum undatum</i> ... ..	Many.	0	On rock and sand.
<i>cyaneum</i> ... ..	Many.	0	On rock.
<i>Bela turricula</i> ... ..	10	0	On rock.
<i>Doris Johnstoni</i> ... ..	8	0	

(NOTE.) No specimens of *Trochus* or *Patella vulgata* occurred.

## II.

Date ... .. July 5th, 1856.  
 Locality ... .. Near Hammerfest (Finmarken).  
 Depth ... .. 7 to 20 fathoms.  
 Distance from shore ... Close to shore.  
 Ground ... .. Nullipore and sand.

<i>Saxicava eretica</i> ... ..	4	0	Young.
<i>Mya truncata</i> .. ..	4	3	Young.
<i>Thracia convexa</i> ... ..	4	0	In sand.
<i>Tellina proxima</i> ... ..	0	4	
<i>Macra elliptica</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Venus ovata</i> .. ..	3	0	
<i>stratula</i> . . . .	Many.	0	

Species.	Number of living specimens.	Number of dead specimens.	Observations.
<i>Trichotropis borealis</i> ... ..	3	0	
<i>Nassa incrassata</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Mangelia nana</i> ... ..	8	0	
<i>Bela turricula</i> ... ..	Many.	0	
<i>Trophon Gunneri</i> ... ..	12	0	
" <i>clathratus</i> ... ..	3	0	

## IV.

Date ... .. July, 1855.  
 Locality ... .. Vigten Island (N. Drontheim).  
 Distance from shore ... Quarter of a mile.  
 Depth ... .. 20 fathoms.  
 Ground ... .. Coral-bank.

<i>Arca nodulosa</i> ... ..	3	8	
<i>Leda caudata</i> .. ..	2	0	
<i>Yoldia lucida</i> .. ..	3	0	
<i>Astarte succata</i> ... ..	3	4	
<i>Pecten Islandicus</i> ... ..	0	2	
<i>Lima excavata</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Lucina Sarsii</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Cryptodon flexuosus</i> ... ..	3	0	
<i>Modiola phaseolina</i> ... ..	10	0	
<i>Anomia ephippium</i> . . . .	Many.	0	
<i>Venus ovata</i> ... ..	0	2	
<i>Terebratulina caput-serpentis</i> ...	20	Many.	
<i>Chiton asellus</i> .. ..	4	0	
<i>Puncturella noachina</i> . . . .	2	0	
<i>Emarginula fissura</i> .. ..	1	2	
" <i>crassa</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Margarita cinerea</i> ... ..	1	0	
" <i>alabastrum</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Trophon barvicensis</i> ... ..	1	0	

## V.

Date ... .. June 23rd, 1855.  
 Locality ... .. Omnesøe (Nordland).  
 Depth ... .. 30 to 50 fathoms.  
 Distance from shore . . . Half a mile.  
 Ground. . . . . Stones and sand.  
 No. of hauls ... .. Four.

<i>Saxicava arcuata</i> ... ..	6	2	
<i>Tellina proxima</i> .. ..	0	1	
<i>Venus ovata</i> .. ..	2	0	
<i>Cyprina Islandica</i> ... ..	2	Many.	
<i>Astarte ephippica</i> .. ..	4	0	
" <i>depressa</i> ... ..	6	0	

Small.

Species.	Number of living specimens.	Number of dead specimens.	Observations.
<i>Pecten striatus</i> ... ..	2	0	Large and Recent.
„ <i>tigrinus</i> ... ..	3	6	
„ <i>similis</i> ... ..	1	0	
„ <i>Islandicus</i> ... ..	0	1'	
<i>Terebratula cranium</i> ... ..	80	10	
<i>Terebratulina caput-serpentis</i> ...	1	0	Many stones had on them the attached valve.
<i>Crania anomala</i> ... ..	12	0	
<i>Chiton Hanleyi</i> ... ..	3	0	
<i>Lepeta cœca</i> ... ..	4	0	
<i>Acmaea virginea</i> ... ..	10	6	
<i>Pilidium fulvum</i> ... ..	Many.	4	Large.
<i>Puncturella noachina</i> ... ..	2	1	
<i>Trochus millegranus</i> ... ..	2	0	
<i>Eulima polita</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Natica nitida</i> ... ..	3	2	
„ <i>helicoides</i> ... ..	0	1	Carinated Var.
„ <i>pusilla</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Velutina lævigata</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Trichotropis borealis</i> ... ..	6	3	
<i>Nassa incrassata</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Fusus antiquus</i> ... ..	0	2	Young.
<i>Trophon clathratus</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Mangelia turricula</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Tornatella fasciata</i> ... ..	0	2	
<i>Buccinum undatum</i> ... ..	6	0	
<i>Pleurotoma nivalis</i> ... ..	10	15	

## VI.

Date ... .. July 20th, 1855.  
 Locality ... .. North of Rolphoe (Finmarken).  
 Depth ... .. 130 to 180 fathoms.  
 Distance from shore .. Half a mile.  
 Ground... .. Sand.  
 No. of Hauls ... .. Two.

<i>Cyprina Islandica</i> ... ..	0	3	Small.
<i>Nesera cuspidata</i> ... ..	0	2'	
<i>Leda caudata</i> ... ..	0	3'	
<i>Yoldia lucida</i> ... ..	1	2'	
<i>Pecten Islandicus</i> ... ..	0	Many.	
„ <i>similis</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Arca pectunculoides</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Syndosmya prismatica</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Cryptodon flexuosus</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Macra elliptica</i> ... ..	0	2"6'	
<i>Cardium fasciatum</i> ... ..	0	2	
„ <i>suecicum</i> ... ..	0	3	
<i>Astarte sulcata</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Anomia ephippium</i> ... ..	Many.	0	
<i>Crenella decussata</i> ... ..	2	Many.	
„ <i>nigra</i> ... ..	0	2'	
<i>Terebratula cranium</i> ... ..	3	0	
<i>Rhynchonella psittacea</i> ... ..	1	2	
<i>Dentalium entale</i> ... ..	Many.	Many.	
<i>Puncturella noachina</i> ... ..	Many.	0	
<i>Lepeta cœca</i> ... ..	2	0	
<i>Pleurotoma nivalis</i> ..	1	2	

Species.	Number of living specimens.	Number of dead specimens.	Observations.
<i>Fusus</i> ? sp. ....	0	Fry.	
<i>Buccinum Humphreysianum</i> ..	0	1	
<i>Bela turricula</i> ... ..	2	0	
<i>Margarita cinerea</i> ... ..	3	4	
<i>undulata</i> ... ..	0	2	
<i>albastrum</i> ... ..	0	1	

## VII.

Date ... .. July 26th, 1855.  
 Locality ... .. Off the Island of Aradø (Finnmarken).  
 Depth ... .. 200 fathoms.  
 Distance from shore ... Four miles.  
 Ground... .. Mud.

<i>Pecten similis</i> ... ..	0	2	
<i>Cryptodon flexuosus</i> ... ..	4	0	
<i>Nassa cuspidata</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Arca pectunculoides</i> ... ..	1	3	
<i>Nucula tenuis</i> .. ..	2	0	
<i>Yoldia lucida</i> .. ..	4	6	
<i>Modiola phaseolina</i> ... ..	2	0	
<i>Cardium suecicum</i> ... ..	2	0	
<i>Orerella decussata</i> ... ..	1	0	
<i>Astarte crebricostata</i> ... ..	0	4 <sup>+</sup>	
<i>Terebratula cranium</i> ... ..	0	2	
<i>Dentalium entale</i> ... ..	1	2	
<i>sp.</i> ... ..	1	3	
<i>quingularis</i> (Forbes)	1	0	
<i>Eutima bilineata</i> ... ..	2	2	
<i>Eulimella Scille</i> ... ..	0	3	
<i>Margellia trevillian</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Bela rufa</i> ... ..	0	1	
<i>Philine quadrata</i> ... ..	0	1	

# DREDGING PAPERS, OR RECORDS OF RESEARCHES IN THE ÆGEAN SEA.

BY PROFESSOR E. FORBES.

## I.

Date ... .. May 20th, 1841.  
 Locality ... .. Naxos Bay, Paros.  
 Distance from shore ... Within the Bay.  
 Depth ... .. 3 to 6 fathoms.  
 Ground... .. Mud and sandy mud.

Species.	Number of living specimens.	Number of dead specimens.	Observations.
Artemis lineta ... ..	0	1'	
Tapes virginea ... ..	0	5'	
Venus verrucosa ... ..	0	5'	
Tellina donacina ... ..	0	1-3'	
" balanatina ... ..	0	2'	
Syndosmya alba ... ..	0	2-10'	
Lucina lactea ... ..	0	2-28'	
" squamosa ... ..	0	3'	
" rotundata ... ..	0	4'	
Cardium rusticum ... ..	0	1'	A strong valve.
" exiguum ... ..	3	7'	
Cardita sulcata ... ..	0	1'	
Patella scutellaris ... ..	0	1	Washed in from shore.
Calyptrea Sinensis ... ..	0	2	
Bulla hydatis ... ..	0	1	
Turritella 3 plicata... ..	0	1	
Trochus canaliculatus ... ..	0	4	
Cerithium lima ... ..	0	3	
" vulgatum ... ..	12	8	
Murex fistulosus ... ..	1	0	In dark mud.
Aplysia depilans ... ..	1	0	
Ostraea plicatula ... ..	0	10'	

## II.

Date ... .. Sept. 14th, 1842  
 Locality ... .. Gulf of Smyrna.  
 Depth ... .. 26 fathoms.  
 Distance from shore ... Two miles and a half.  
 Ground... .. Fine brown mud.

Avicula Tarentina ... ..	3	3	Full grown, adhering to each other.
Saxicava arctica ... ..	4	0	

## III.

Date ... .. August 5th, 1841.  
 Locality ... .. Off northern extremity of Paros.  
 Depth ... .. 40 fathoms.  
 Distance from shore ... Three miles and a half.  
 Ground... .. Weedy.

Pecten pusio ... ..	5	4'	
" opercularis ... ..	0	1	Small.
Nucula margaritacea ... ..	0	2'	
Cytherea apicalis ... ..	0	1'	
Cardita squamosa ... ..	1	1'	
Cardium papillosum ... ..	0	2	
Fusus fasciolaroides ... ..	1	0	New.
Murex brandaris ... ..	0	3	
Vermetus gigas ... ..	0	1	
" corneus ... ..	3	0	New.
Trochus exiguus ... ..	8	2	
Turbo rugosus... ..	1	0	
Pleurobranchus sordidus ... ..	1	0	New.
Doris tenerrima ... ..	2		New.
" gracilis ... ..	2		
" coccinea ... ..	1		
Ascidium, four species			
Aplidium, two species			

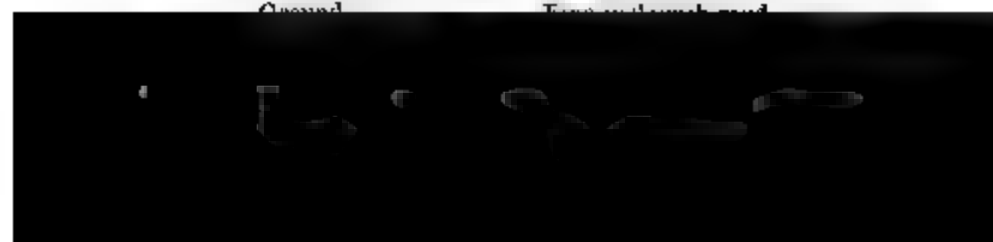
## IV.

Date ... .. Sept. 18th, 1841.  
 Locality ... .. Off Ananas Rocks.  
 Depth ... .. 106 fathoms.  
 Ground... .. Mullipore.  
 Distance from shore ... From Rocks three miles, from Milo ten mile

Species.	Number of living specimens.	Number of dead specimens.	Observations.
<i>Terebratulina vitrea</i> ... ..	0	2'	Dead and worn.
<i>Megerlia truncata</i> ... ..	20	100-20'	Of all ages.
<i>Argiope decollata</i> ... ..	100	400-6'	Of all ages.
" <i>semiculata</i> ... ..	13	10-3'	
<i>Morrisia anomioidea</i> ... ..	1	0	Adhering to T. vi. New.
<i>Crenia ringens</i> ... ..	0	0'	
<i>Lima elongata</i> ... ..	0	5'	New.
<i>Pecten concentricus</i> ... ..	0	1'	New.
" <i>fenestratus</i> ... ..	0	3'	New.
<i>Spondylus Gussonei</i> ... ..	1	1'	
<i>Arca lactea</i> ... ..	1	7'	
" <i>scabra</i> ... ..	0	2'	
<i>Nucula cuspidata</i> ... ..	0	2'	
" <i>attenuata</i> ... ..	0	1'	New.
<i>Pusillus echinatus</i> ... ..	0	2	
<i>Pleurotoma crispata</i> ... ..	0	2	Hitherto known fossil.
" <i>maravignae</i> ... ..	0	2	New.
" <i>abyssicola</i> ... ..	0	4	New.
<i>Mitra philippiana</i> ... ..	0	4	New.
<i>Cerithium lima</i> ... ..	0	8	
<i>Trochus tinel</i> ... ..	0	6	
" <i>exiguus</i> ... ..	1	9	
<i>Turbo sanguineus</i> ... ..	0	24	Hitherto known fossil in the M terranian basin
<i>Rissoa reticulata</i> ... ..	4	11	
<i>Emarginula elongata</i> ... ..	0	8	
<i>Pileopsis Hungaricus</i> ... ..	0	1	Small.
<i>Acmaea unicolor</i> ... ..	1	24	New.
<i>Atlanta Peronii</i> ... ..	0	2	Incrusted with lipore, and t rendered solid
<i>Hyales gibbosa</i> ... ..	0	1'	
<i>Leiodora pyramidata</i> ... ..	0	3	
<i>Crisis clava</i> ... ..	0	7	
" <i>spinifera</i> ... ..	0	10	

## V.

Date ... .. Nov. 25th, 1841.  
 Locality ... .. S. extremity of Gulf of Macri.  
 Depth ... .. 230 fathoms.  
 Distance from shore .. One mile (shore steep).  
 Ground ... .. Fine sand and mud.





The *distribution of the Mollusca in Depth* has been investigated by MM. Audouin and Milne-Edwards, M. Sars, and Professor E. Forbes. By these observers the sea-bed is divided into four principal regions:—

1. The Littoral zone, or tract between tide marks.
2. The Laminarian zone, from low water to 15 fathoms.
3. The Coralline zone, from 15 to 50 fathoms.
4. The deep-sea coral zone, 50 to 100 fathoms or more.

1. *The Littoral zone* depends for its depth on the rise and fall of the tide, and for its extent on the form of the shore. The shells of this zone are more limited in their range than those which are protected from the vicissitudes of climate by living at some depth in the sea.\* In Europe the characteristic genera of rocky shores are *Littorina*, *Patella*, and *Purpura*; of sandy beaches, *Cardium*, *Tellina*, *Solen*; gravelly shores, *Mytilus*; and on muddy shores, *Lutraria* and *Pullastra*. On rocky coasts are also found many species of *Haliotis*, *Siphonaria*, *Fissurella*, and *Trochus*; they occur at various levels, some only at the high-water line, others in a middle zone, or at the verge of low-water. *Cypræa* and *Conus* shelter under coral-blocks, and *Cerithium*, *Terebra*, *Natica*, and *Pyramidella* bury in sand at low water, but may be found by tracing the marks of their long burrows. (Macgillivray.)

2. *Laminarian zone*.—In this region, when rocky, the tangle (*Laminaria*) and other sea-weeds form miniature forests, the resort of the vegetable feeding mollusks—*Lacuna*, *Rissoa*, *Nacella*, *Trochus*, *Aplysia*, and various *Nudibranchiata*. On soft sea-beds bivalves abound and form the prey of *Buccinum*, *Nassa*, and *Natica*. From low-water to the depth of one or two fathoms on muddy and sandy shores, there are often great meadows of grass-wrack (*Zostera*) which afford shelter to numerous shell-fish, and are the haunt of the cuttle-fish and calamary. In tropical seas, the reef-building corals often take the place of sea-weeds, and extend their operations to a depth of about 25 fathoms. They cover the bottom with living verdure, on which many of the carnivorous mollusks feed, while some, like *Ovulum* and *Purpura*, browse on the flexible *Gorgoniæ*. To this zone belong the oyster-banks of our seas, and the pearl-fisheries of the south; it is richer than any other in animal life, and affords the most highly coloured shells.

Some of the littoral shells, like *Purpura lapillus* and *Littorina rudis*, have no free-swimming larval condition, but commence life as crawlers, with a well-developed shell. Their habits are sluggish, and their diffusion by ordinary means must be exceedingly slow.

3. *Coralline zone*.—In northern seas the belt of sea-weed that fringes the coast is succeeded by a zone where horny zoophytes abound, and the chief vegetable growth consists of *Nullipora*, which covers rocks and shells with its stony-looking incrustations. This zone extends from 15 or 25, to 35 or 50 fathoms, and is inhabited by many of the predacious genera—*Buccinum*, *Fusus*, *Pleurotoma*, *Natica*, *Aporrhais*, *Philine*, *Valutina*; and by vegetable feeders, such as *Fissurella*, *Emarginula*, *Pileopsis*, *Eulima*, and *Chemnitzia*. The great banks of scallops belong to the shallower part of this region, and many bivalves of the genera *Lima*, *Arca*, *Nucula*, *Astarte*, *Venus*, *Artemis*, and *Corbula*.

4. *Deep-sea Coral-zone*.—From 50 to 100 fathoms the *Nullipora* still abounds, and small branching corals to which the *Terebratula* adhere. In northern seas the largest corals (*Oculina* and *Primnoa*) are found in this zone, and shells are relatively more abundant, owing to the uniformity of temperature at these depths. These deep-water shells are mostly small and destitute of bright colours; but interesting from the circumstances under which they are found, their wide range, and high antiquity. Amongst the characteristic genera are *Cyanea*, *Thais*, *Nassa*, *Cryptodon*, *Yoldia*, *Dentalium*, and *Scissurella*. In the mud brought up from deep water may be often found the shells of *Pteropoda*, and other mollusca which live at the surface of the sea. In the *Ægean Sea* there is deep-water within one or two miles of the coast; but in the British Channel the depth seldom amounts to more than 20—40 fathoms.

When registering the results of dredging operations, it is important to distinguish between *dead* and *living shells*, as in the preceding Tables; for almost every species is met with, in the condition of *dead shells*, at depths far greater than those in which it actually lives. On precipitous coasts the littoral shells fall into deep water, and are mingled with the inhabitants of other zones; currents also may transport dead shells to some distance over the bed of the sea. But the principal agents by which so many decayed and broken shells are scattered over the bed of the deep-sea, must be the mollusk-eating fishes. Of 270 species of boreal shells described by Dr. Gould (p. 80) more than half were obtained from the maws of fishes, in Boston market. Cod-fish do not swallow the large whelk-shells, but

are *Panopæa Norvegica* are swallowed, and ejected again with eroded surfaces. The haddock swallows shells still more indiscriminately, and Mr. M'Andrew has found great numbers of rare *Pectens* in them, but generally spoiled. The cat-fish and skate break up the strongest shell-fish with their teeth—accounting for the many angular fragments met with in the dredge, and in recent deposits.

The following are examples of shells obtained from great depths :—

Norway. (M'Andrew.)		Ægean. (Forbes.)	
Living shells.		Living.	Dead.
	Fathoms.		
<i>Cerithium metula</i> .....	20—150	<i>Murex vaginatus</i> .....	150
<i>Margarita cinerea</i> .....	10—130	<i>Fusus muricatus</i> .....	80—95 150
<i>Dentalium entale</i> .....	200	<i>Nassa intermedia</i> .....	45—185
<i>Linea sarsii</i> .....	120	<i>Cerithium lima</i> .....	8—80 140
<i>Leda pygmaea</i> .....	200	<i>Chemnitzia fasciata</i> ...	110—150
<i>Yoldia limatula</i> .....	120	<i>Eulima distorta</i> .....	60—140
<i>Thetis koreni</i> .....	40—100	<i>Scalaria hellenica</i> .....	110
<i>Cryptodon flexuosus</i> .....	200	<i>Rissoa reticulata</i> .....	55 185
<i>Of the Cape. (Belcher.)</i>		<i>Trochus exasperatus</i> ...	10—105 165
<i>Buccinum?</i> <i>clathratum</i> .....	136	<i>Scissurella plicata</i> .....	70—150
<i>Volutilites abyssicola</i> .....	132	<i>Acmea unicolor</i> .....	60—105 150
<i>Pectunculus Belcheri</i> .....	120	<i>Den' alium quinquangulare</i>	150—230
<i>Ægean. (Forbes.)</i>		<i>Bulla atriculus</i> .....	40—140
	Living. Dead.	<i>Spondylus Gussonii</i> ...	105
<i>Terebratula vitrea</i> .....	100 250	<i>Pecten Hoskynsii</i> ....	185—200
<i>Argiope decollata</i> .....	100 110	<i>Arca imbricata</i> .....	90—230
<i>Crania ringens</i> .....	90 150	<i>Nassa cuspidata</i> .....	12—185
		<i>Thetis anatinoides</i> .....	40—150
		<i>Kellia abyssicola</i> .....	70—180 200
		<i>Syndosmya profundissima</i>	80—185

### *Preserving molluscos animals for examination.*

When shell-fish are killed by sudden immersion in hot water or strong spirit, great and unequal contraction is caused, distorting the muscular parts and rupturing the membranes.

Experiments have yet to be made for the discovery of means whereby these and other marine animals may be paralysed and killed, without altering the ordinary condition of their organs.\*

*Glycerine* is the best medium for preserving such objects as the univalve shell-fish, intended for the examination of their

\* The brittle-stars (*Ophiocoma*) are killed by sudden immersion in fresh-water; and the *Actinæ* may be stupefied by adding fresh-water drop by drop until they lose the power of retracting their tentacles. But the bivalves (such as *Pholas*) may be kept in stale water till their valves fall off with incipient decomposition, and yet the muscular siphons retain their irritability, and contract slowly and completely, when placed in spirit.

lingual teeth; for if put up in strong spirit they become so hard that it is almost impossible to make good preparations from them, and in weak spirit they will not keep for any length of time.

*Alcohol.*—The cheapest alcohol for preserving natural history objects, at home, is sold as "methylated spirit;" it contains ten per cent. of ordinary wood spirit, and being undrinkable, is free of duty. When many specimens are put up together the spirit becomes much diluted, and should be changed. The soft tissues of bivalves, and spiral bodies of the univalves soon decompose in weak spirit. But for permanent use, in Museums, proof spirit may be diluted with an equal bulk of water. Cotton wool may be put with the specimens in spirit, especially with cuttle-fish, to preserve them from distortion by pressure.

*Goody's solution* is prepared by dissolving  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of bay salt, 20 grains of arsenious acid, or white oxide of arsenic, and 2 grains of corrosive sublimate, in 1 quart of boiling rain-water.

*Burnet's solution* (chloride of zinc), largely diluted, is now used at the British Museum for the preservation of fishes and other objects, in glass jars. It has several advantages over spirit; being undrinkable, and not inflammable, and the concentrated solution (sold by all druggists) is much less bulky.

*Muriate of Ammonia* is recommended by Mr. Gaskoin, for removing any unpleasant odours which may arise from preparations when taken out of spirit for examination. (See p. 143.)

A solution of *Chloride of Calcium* has been employed by General Totten, United States Engineers, for preserving the flexibility of the epidermis in various shells. The solution of this deliquescent salt (which any one can make by saturating hydrochloric acid with marble) keeps the object which has been steeped in it permanently moist, without injuring its colour or texture; while its antiseptic properties will aid in the preservation of matters liable to decay. (Professor J. W. Bailey, in *Silliman's Journal*, July, 1854.)

## PART II.

### SYNOPSIS OF THE GENERA.

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#### CHAPTER I.

#### CLASS I.—CEPHALOPODA.

THE *cephalopoda* are represented by the common squid, the nautilus, and the ammonite; forms with which most of us are more or less familiar. They possess a more complicated structure than any other group of the mollusca; but in this respect they are much inferior to the vertebrate animals, in whom the setting apart of particular organs for the performance of distinct functions is developed to so high a degree. We cannot trace a series of gradational forms between the highest cephalopod and the lowest vertebrate; but we can descend from the more to the less specialised forms of mollusca, which ultimately merge in one direction in such creatures as *Fasciola*, among entozoa; and in another direction, to forms like *Vorticella*, through the intermediate genera — *Pedicellina*, among the Bryozoa, and *Perophora* among the Ascidians. It is consequently much easier to define the higher than the lower boundaries of a great primary group. The points of analogy between the cephalopods and the vertebrates are the internal skeleton, the similarity in the form of the blood corpuscles, and in the capillary structure of the portion of the circulatory system situated between the arteries and veins.

The cephalopods move partly by means of a series of long muscular arms arranged round the mouth, partly by means of fins, or flaps, attached on each side of the body, and partly by the forcible expulsion of water through a tube or *siphon*.

Unlike most of the *mollusca*, they are symmetrical animals, having their right and left sides equally developed. Their shell is usually straight, or coiled in a vertical plane. The nautilus and argonaut alone (of the living tribes) have external shells, the rest are termed "naked cephalopods," because the shell is internal. They have powerful jaws, acting vertically, like the

mandibles of birds. The tongue is large and fleshy; part of its surface is sentient, whilst the rest is armed with recurved spines; their eyes are large, and placed on the sides of the head. In all probability they possess the faculty both of smelling and hearing. All are carnivorous, and live in the sea.

The nervous system is more concentrated than in the other mollusca, and the brain is protected by a cartilage. The respiratory organs consist of two or four plume-like gills, placed symmetrically on the sides of the body, in a large branchial cavity, opening forwards on the *under*\* side of the head: in the middle of this opening is placed the *siphon* or *funnel*. The sexes are always distinct. The cephalopoda are divided into two orders, the names of which are derived from the number of the *branchiæ*.

#### ORDER I.—DIBRANCHIATA, Owen.

*Animal* swimming; naked. *Head* distinct. *Eyes* sessile, prominent. *Mandibles* horny (Pl. I., fig. 2). *Arms* eight or ten, provided with suckers. *Body* round or elongated, usually with a pair of *fins*; *branchiæ* two, furnished with muscular ventricles; *ink-gland* always present; *funnel* a complete tube.

*Shell* internal (except in *argonauta*), horny or shelly, with or without air-chambers. The shell of the argonaut does not correspond with the ordinary shell of mollusks. (See p. 39.)

The typical forms of the cuttle-fishes were well described by Aristotle, and have been repeatedly examined by modern naturalists; yet, until Professor Owen demonstrated the existence of a second order of cephalopods, departing from all the above-mentioned characters, it was not clearly understood how inseparably the organisation of the cuttle-fishes was connected with their condition as *swimming mollusca*, breathing by two gills. There are two types of lung structure among the dibranchiates. Thus, in *Octopus* and *Sepia* the gills form a cylinder, while in *Loligo* and other genera they form a half cylinder.

The characters which co-exist with the two gills, are the internal rudimentary shell, and the substitution of other means of escape and defence, than those which an external shell would have afforded. In the argonaut arms furnished with suckers, the

secretion of an inky fluid, with which to cloud the water and conceal retreat ; more perfect organs of vision ; and superadded branchial hearts, which render the circulation more vigorous.

The *suckers* (*antlia* or *acetabula*) form a single or double series on the inner surface of the arms. From the margin of each cup, the muscular fibres converge to the centre, where they leave a circular cavity, occupied by a soft *caruncle*, rising from it like the piston of a syringe, and capable of retraction when the sucker is applied to any surface. So perfect is this mechanism for effecting adhesion, that while the muscular fibres continue retracted, it is easier to tear away the limb than to detach it from its hold.\* In the decapods, the base of the *piston* is surrounded by a horny dentated hoop ; which in the uncinated calamaries is folded, and produced into a long sharp claw.

The *ink-bag* (Fig. 40) is tough and fibrous, with a thin silvery outer coat ; it discharges its contents through a duct which opens near the base of the funnel. The ink was formerly used for writing (*Cicero*), and in the preparation of *sepia*,† and from its indestructible nature, is often found in a fossil state.

The skin of the naked cephalopods is remarkable for its variously coloured vesicles, or pigment-cells. In *sepia* they are black and brown ; in the calamary, yellow, red, and brown ; and in the argonaut, and some octopods, there are blue cells besides. These cells alternately contract and expand, by which the colouring matter is condensed or dispersed, or perhaps driven into the deeper part of the skin. The colour accumulates, like a blush, when the skin is irritated, even several hours after separation from the body. During life these changes are under the control of the animal, and give it the power of changing its hue, like the chameleon. In fresh specimens, the *sclerotic plates* of the eyes have a pearly lustre ; they are sometimes preserved in a fossil state.

The *aquiferous pores* are situated on the back and sides of the head, on the arms (*brachial*), or at their bases (*buccal pores*).

The *mantle* is usually connected with the back of the head by a broad (“*nuchal*”) muscular band ; but its margin is some-

\* “The complex, irritable mechanism of all these suckers is under the complete control of the animal. Mr. Broderip informs me that he has attempted, with a hand-net, to catch an *octopus* that was floating by, with its long and flexible arms entwined round a fish, which it was tearing with its sharp hawk’s bill ; it allowed the net to approach within a short distance before it relinquished its prey, when, in an instant, it relaxed its thousand suckers, exploded its inky ammunition, and rapidly retreated, under cover of the cloud which it had occasioned, by rapid and vigorous strokes of its circular web.”—*Owen*.

† Indian ink and sepia are now made of lamp-smoke, or of prepared charcoal.

times free all round, and it is supported only by cartilaginous ridges, fitting into corresponding grooves, and allowing considerable freedom of motion.


The cuttle-fishes are generally nocturnal, or crepuscular animals, concealing themselves during the day, or retiring to a lower region of the water. They inhabit every zone, and are met with near the shore, as well as in the open sea, hundreds of miles from land. They attain occasionally a much greater size than any other mollusca. MM. Quoy and Gaimard found a dead cuttle-fish in the Atlantic, under the equator, which must have weighed 2 cwt. when perfect; it was floating on the surface, and was partly devoured by birds. Banks and Solander also met with one under similar circumstances in the Pacific, which was estimated to have measured six feet in length. (Owen.) The arms of the octopods are sometimes two feet long.\* From their habits, it is difficult to capture some species alive, but they are frequently obtained, uninjured, from the stomachs of dolphins and other cetaceans which prey upon them.

#### SECTION A.—OCTOPODA.

*Arms*, eight; suckers sessile. *Eyes* fixed, incapable of rotation. *Body* united to the head by a broad cervical band. *Branchial chamber* divided longitudinally by a muscular partition. *Oviduct* double; no distinct nidamental gland. *Shell* internal and rudimentary.

The Octopods differ from the typical cuttle-fishes in having only eight arms, without the addition of tentacles; their bodies are round, and they seldom have fins.

The males and females have a general resemblance to each other; although the form and appearance of the sexes are very distinctive. But until recently our knowledge on the subject has been confused. In all male cuttle-fishes one of the eight arms presents a peculiar appearance and undergoes a special development, fitting it for the purpose of helping forward the work of reproduction of the species. In many cases it is so altered as to be incapable of acting as a locomotive organ. According to Dr. Müller, the arm is detached, after it has been filled with semen, and is fixed on to the female. The arm, or





for a parasitic worm; and more recently it has been regarded as the spermatophore by some, and as the entire male animal by other naturalists, under the name of *hectocotylus*. The hectocotyle of *tremoctopus* is shown in Fig. 3, Pl. I. The body is worm-like, with two rows of suckers on the ventral surface, and an oval appendage at the posterior end. The anterior part of the back is fringed with a double series of branchial filaments (250 on each side). Between the filaments are two rows of brown or violet *spots*, like the pigment cells of the *tremoctopus*. The suckers (40 on each side) closely resemble those of the *tremoctopus*, in miniature. Between the suckers are four or five series of *pores*, the openings of minute canals, passing into the interior part of the body. There is an artery and vein on each side, giving branches to the branchial filaments, while a *nerve* runs down the centre. The *oval sac* encloses a small but very long convoluted tube, ending in a muscular sac containing *spermatozoa*.

The *hectocotyle* of the argonaut was discovered by *Chiaje*, who considered it a parasitic worm, and described it under the name of *trichocephalus acetabularis*; it was again described by *Costa*,\* who regarded it as "a spermatophore of singular shape;" and lastly by Dr. Kölliker.†

It is similar in form to the others, but is only seven lines in length, and has a filiform appendage in front, six lines long. It has two rows of alternate *suckers*, 45 on each side; but no *branchiæ*; the skin contains numerous changeable spots of red or violet, like that of the argonaut.‡ (Kölliker.)

It would seem strange how former observers could have overlooked so marked a feature as the metamorphosed or *hectocotylised* arm of cuttle fishes. Aristotle not only gives a clear description of the peculiarity, but even shows that he was aware of the function the arm performed. Subsequent writers appear to have misunderstood Aristotle; at any rate they refer to the colourless arm as a monstrosity, or in some cases they have used it as one of the distinctive characters of a species. There are numerous instances in which the male has formed one, and the female another species in the naturalist's catalogue. Now that the *hectocotylus* is known to be only a portion of the male, their relation is more clearly seen. They present an analogous phenomenon to what occurs in some species of spiders, in which

\* An. Sc. Nat., 2nd series, 7, p. 173.

† Lin. Trans., vol. 20, pt. 1, p. 9; and in his own zoological *Berichte*, where it is figured.

‡ An. Sc. Nat., 2nd series, vol. 16, p. 185.

certain parts of the palpi of the males are developed into spoon-shaped organs which perform the same office as the hectocotylus. Something similar also occurs in *Polydema*.

Madame Power appears to have made her observations on an hectocotylus when she asserted that the young argonaut has no shell. M. Duvernoy has shown that the embryo argonaut has acquired a shell before it has been excluded from the egg.

The most important memoir on the development of Cephalopods is that by Kölliker.\* "The process of yolk division is partial, and the development of the embryo takes place within a distinct germinal area, whence a distinct yolk sac is formed. This is proportionally very large in *Sepia* (Fig. 35), and *Loligo*, very small in *Argonauta* (Fig. 36), and therefore while the embryo is flattened and extended in the former genera, in the latter it more resembles the embryo of an ordinary gastropod. Development commences by the separation of the

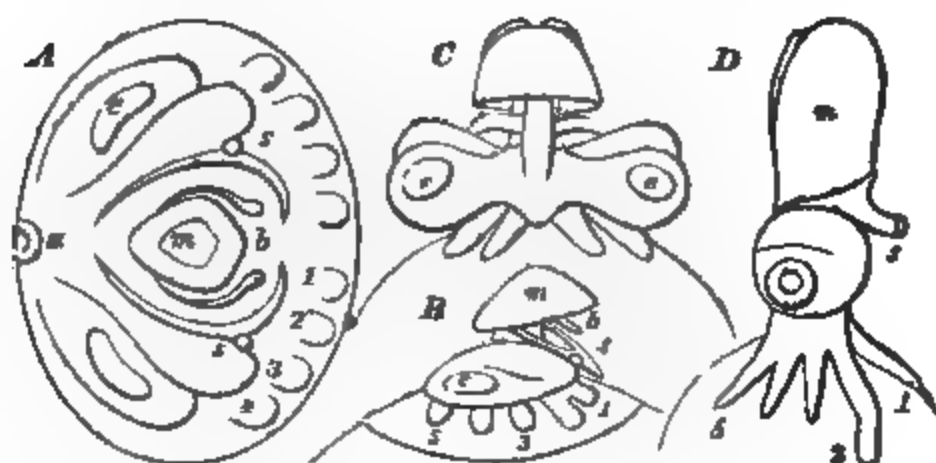


Fig. 35. Development of the Cuttle-fish. (Kölliker).

A, Embryo two lines in diameter; m, mantle; b, branchial processes; s, siphonal processes; a, mouth; e, eyes; 1-5, rudimentary arms.

B, Side view of the embryo, when more developed.

C, Front view, at a later period.

D, Young cuttle-fish, still attached to the yolk-sac, with the tentacular arms (3) longer than the rest.

embryo into *mantle* and *body* (foot). The part of the body in front of the mantle becomes the head; that behind it the branchio-anal surface. The latero-posterior margins of the body are produced into four or five processes on each side, which become the *arms*. On each side of the mantle, between it and the head and arms, a ridge is formed upon the body. These ridges (s s, Fig. 35, A), represent the *epipodium*; their

\* *Entwickelungs-geschichte der Cephalopoden*. Zurich, 1844.

anterior ends are continuous and attached; the posterior ends are at first free, but eventually uniting they form the funnel *D s.* The rudimentary gills *b* appear between the *epipodium* and mantle. The alimentary canal is at first straight; (the mouth being at *a*, the vent at *b*, in Fig. 35 A). The embryo now grows faster in a vertical than in a longitudinal direction, so that it takes on the cephalopodic form. The intestine, as a consequence, becomes bent upon itself; and the anterior pair of arms grow over in front of the head, and unite, so as eventually to throw the mouth nearly into the centre of the arms." (Huxley.) At a later period of development (Fig. 35, D), the respiratory movements are performed by the alternate dilatation and contraction of the mantle; and the ink-bag is conspicuous by the colour of its contents. At the period of exclusion from the nidimental capsule, fine layers of the shell of the young cuttle-fish have been formed; but except the nucleus, which is calcified, they are horny and transparent. The lateral fins are broader than in the mature animal. The embryo of the *Argonaut*, as described by Kölliker, has simple conical arms (1—4, Fig. 36); and indications of the funnel appear as a ridge, *p*, on each side of the body; *v* is the yolk sac; *o* the position of the future mouth; *e* the eye; *b* the gill; and *m* the mantle.

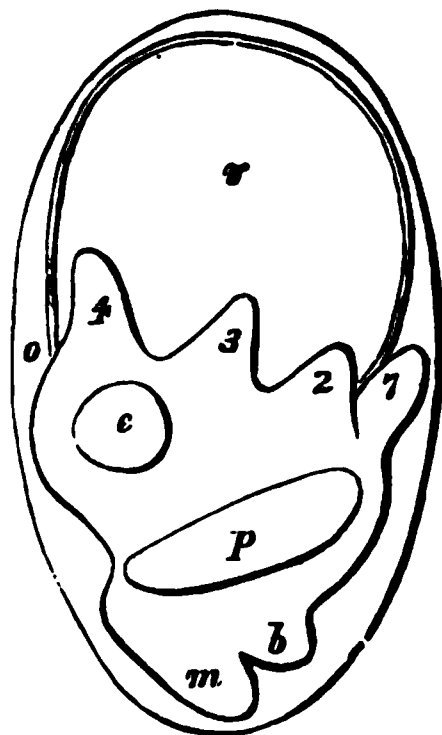


Fig. 36. *Argonaut*, embryo in the egg.

#### FAMILY I.—ARGONAUTIDÆ.

*Dorsal arms* (of the female) webbed at the extremity, secreting a symmetrical involuted shell. Third left arm in male hectocotylised; deciduous, colourless, developed in a sac. Female polyandrous. *Mantle* supported in front by a single ridge on the funnel.

Genus ARGONAUTA, Lin. Argonaut, or paper sailor.

*Etymology*, *argonautai*, sailors of the ship Argo.

*Synonyms*, *ocythoë* (Rafinesque). *Nautilus* (Aristotle and Pliny).

*Example, A. hians, Soland. Pl. II., Fig. 1. China.*

The *shell* of the argonaut is thin and translucent; it is not moulded on the body of the animal, nor is it attached by shell-muscles; and the unoccupied hollow of the spire serves as a receptacle for the minute clustered eggs. The shell is believed to be peculiar to the female. Its special function is for protec-

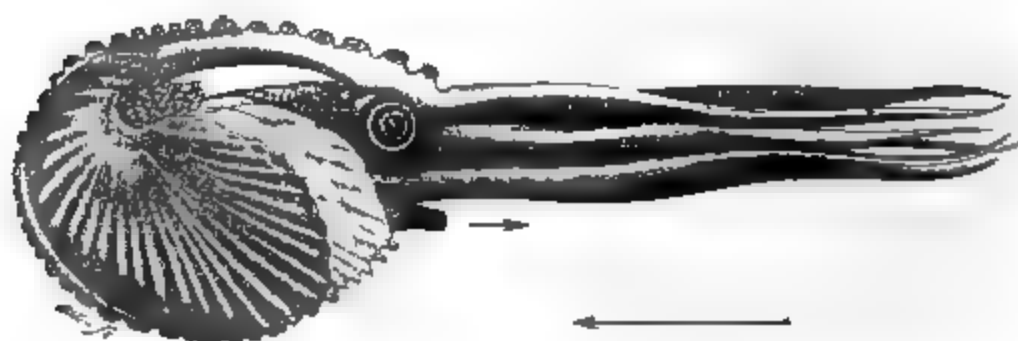


Fig. 37. *Argonauta argo* L. swimming.\*

tion and incubation of the eggs. It is not homologous with the chambered or internal rudimental shells of other cephalopods, but may be compared with the cocoon of the leech, or the float of *Ianthina*. The argonaut sits in its boat with its siphon turned towards the keel,† and its sail-shaped (dorsal) arms closely applied to the sides of the shell, as in Fig. 37, where, however, they are represented as partially withdrawn, in order to show the margin of the aperture. It swims by ejecting water from its funnel, and crawls in a reversed position, carrying its shell over its back like a snail. (Madame Power and M. Rang.)

The male argonauts are one inch in length, and possess no shell; their dorsal arms are pointed, not expanded. The testis is large, and like that of the *Octopus* in structure and situation; it contains spermatozoa of different degrees of development, and the excretory duct probably debouches into the Hectocotylus. The sac in which the Hectocotylus is developed is cleft by the movements of the Hectocotylus in extending itself, while the sac becomes inverted, and forms the violet coloured capsule on its back. The sac never contains more than one Hectocotylus, which is attached by its base, whilst

the rest is free and coiled up. It has no enlargement like that of the *Tremoctopus* (Pl. I., Fig. 3); the filiform appendage proceeds from the smaller extremity, and sometimes remains entangled in the coloured cyst near the base of the outer side of the *Hectocotylus*. It has a chain of nervous ganglia in its axis.

It was the *nautilus (primus)* of Aristotle, who described it as floating on the surface of the sea, in fine weather, and holding out its sail-shaped arms to the breeze. It does not use its arms as sails, but it sometimes uses them as oars when it wishes to progress slowly, while floating on the surface of the sea.

*Distribution* : 4 species of argonaut are known; they inhabit the open sea throughout the warmer parts of the world, and are most active during the night. Captain King took several from the stomach of a dolphin caught upwards of 600 leagues from land.

*Fossil*, 2 species, Tertiary. *A. hians* is found in the subapennine tertiaries of Piedmont. This species is still living in the Chinese seas, but not in the Mediterranean.

## FAMILY II.—OCTOPODIDÆ.

*Arms* similar, elongated, united at the base by a web. *Shell* represented by two short styles, encysted in the substance of the mantle. (Owen.)

### OCTOPIUS, Cuvier. Poulpe.

*Etymology*, octo, eight, pous (*poda*), feet.

*Synonyms*, *cistopus*. (Gray.)

*Example*, *O. tuberculatus*, Bl., Pl. I., Figs. 1 and 2 (mandibles).

*Body* oval, warty or cirrose, without fins; *arms* long, unequal; *suckers* in two rows; *mantle* supported in front by the branchial septum.

The octopods are the “polypi” of Homer and Aristotle; they are solitary animals, frequenting rocky shores, and are very active and voracious; the females oviposit on sea-weeds, or in the cavities of empty shells. In the markets of Smyrna and Naples, and the bazaars of India, they are regularly exposed for sale. “Although common (at St. Jago) in the pools of water left by the retiring tide, they are not very easily caught. By means of their long arms and suckers they can drag their bodies into very narrow crevices, and when thus fixed it re-

quires great force to remove them. At other times they dart tail first, with the rapidity of an arrow, from one side of the pool to the other, at the same instant discolouring the water with a dark chestnut-brown ink. They also escape detection by varying their tints, according to the nature of the ground

over which they pass. In the dark they are slightly phosphorescent." (Darwin.)\* Professor E. Forbes has observed that the octopus, when resting, coils its ventral arms over its back, and seems to shadow forth the argonaut's shell.

In the male octopus, the third right arm is more developed than the corresponding arm on the left side, and terminates in an oval-shaped plate (Fig. 38, c), marked with numerous transverse ridges, between which are pits. A muscular fold of skin passes from this plate down the dorsal margin of the arm to the web at its base; the margin is rolled up, and forms a covered passage through which the spermatophore is probably transmitted to the terminal plate. The arm is permanently attached, and is developed in a free state from a cyst, A.

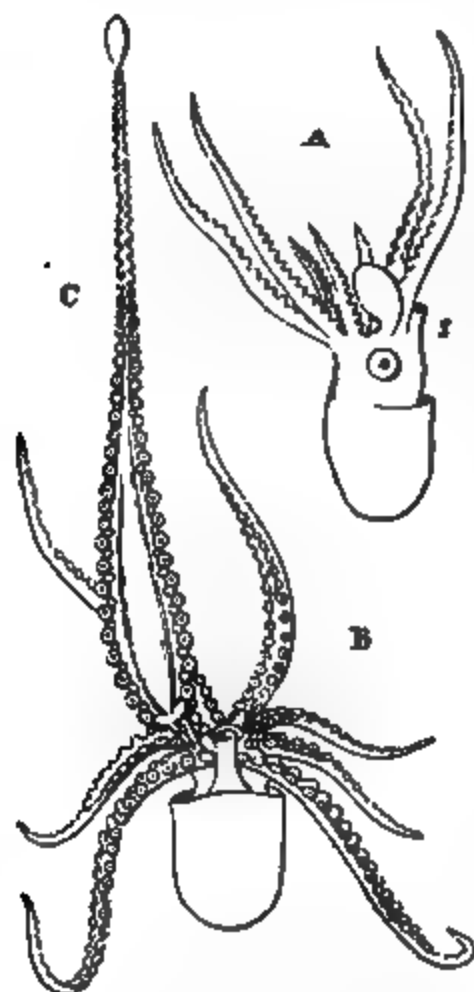


Fig. 38. *Octopus carena* ♂, Var.

A, Side view, showing cyst in place of third arm.

B, Ventral side of an individual more developed, with the Hectocotylus C.

*Distribution:* universally found on the coasts of the temperate and tropical zones; 46 species are known; when

adult they vary in length from 1 inch to more than 2 feet, according to the species.

Arms longer than the body; the two dorsal pairs the longest, and webbed half-way up, and sometimes to the extremities. Arms not webbed in male. 4 aquiferous (?) openings, two between the eyes, and two below; sometimes there are small openings on the sides; *suckers* in two rows; third right arm hectocotylised.

*Distribution*, 3 species. *T. quoyanus*, *violaceus*, and *velifer*. Atlantic and Mediterranean.

#### PINNOCTOPUS, D'Orb. Finned octopus.

*Body* with lateral fins, united behind.

The only known species, *P. cordiformis*, was discovered by MM. Quoy and Gaimard, on the coast of New Zealand; it exceeds 3 feet in length.

#### ELEDONE. (Aristotle.) Leach.

*Type*, *E. octopodia*, L.

*Suckers* forming a single series on each arm; length 6 to 18 inches. *E. Moschata* emits a musky smell. Third right arm hectocotylised; permanently attached; developed free.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Coasts of Norway, Britain, and the Mediterranean.

#### CIRROTEUTHIS. Eschricht. 1836.

*Synonyms*, *Sciadephorus* (Reinh and Prosch); *Bostrycho-teuthis* (Ag.)

*Etymology*, *cirrus*, a filament, and *teuthis*, a cuttle-fish.

*Body* with two transverse fins; *arms* united by a web, nearly to their tips; *suckers* in a single row, alternating with *cirri*. Length 10 inches. Colour violet. The only species (*C. Mülleri*, Esch.) inhabits the coast of Greenland.

#### PHILONEXIS, D'Orb.

*Etymology*, *philos*, an adept in *nexis*, swimming.

*Type*, *P. atlanticus*, D'Orb.

*Arms* free; *suckers* in two rows; *mantle* supported by two ridges on the funnel; *eyes* large and prominent. Total length, 1 to 3 inches.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Atlantic and Mediterranean. Gregarious in the open sea; feeding on floating *mollusca*.

#### SCÆURGUS. Troschel. 1857.

*Body* oval, without fins; wider than the head; *arms* short;

suckers in two rows; the third left arm nectocotylied at the apex.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Mediterranean.

**BOLITAENA**. Strp. 1858.

Similar to *Eledone*, but more gelatinous, and with small suckers. 1 species living.

#### SECTION B.—DECAPODA.

*Arms* 8. *Tentacles* 2, elongated, cylindrical, with expanded ends. *Suckers* pedunculated, armed with a horny ring. *Mouth* surrounded by a buccal membrane, sometimes lobed and furnished with suckers. *Eyes* movable in their orbits. *Body* oblong or elongated, always provided with a pair of fins. *Funnel* usually furnished with an internal valve. *Oviduct* single. *Nidamental gland* largely developed. *Shell* internal; lodged loosely in the middle of the dorsal aspect of the mantle.

The arms of the decapods are comparatively shorter than those of the octopods; the dorsal pair is usually shortest, the ventral longest. The tentacles originate within the circle of the arms, between the third and fourth pairs; they are usually much longer than the arms, and in *cheiroteuthis* are six times as long as the animal itself. They are completely retractile into large subocular pouches in *sepia*, *sepiola*, and *rossia*; partly retractile in *loligo* and *sepioteuthis*; non-retractile in *cheiroteuthis*. They serve to seize prey which may be beyond the reach of the ordinary arms, or to moor the animal in safety during the agitation of a stormy sea.

The *lingual dentition* of the cuttle-fishes somewhat resembles that of the *pteropoda*. The central teeth are simple in *sepia* and



FIG. 39. Lingual teeth of *Sepia officinalis* (Cuvier).



The shell of the living decapods is either a horny "pen" (*gladius*) or a calcareous "bone" (*sepion*); not attached to the animal by muscles, but so loose as to fall out when the cyst which contains it is opened. In the genus *spirula* it is a delicate spiral tube divided into air-chambers by partitions (*septa*). In the fossil genus *spirulirostra* a similar shell forms the apex of a cuttle-bone; in the fossil *conoteuthis* a chambered shell is combined with a *pen*; and the *belemnite* unites all these modifications.

The decapods chiefly frequent the open sea, appearing periodically like fishes, in great shoals, on the coasts and banks. (Owen, D'Orbigny.)

### FAMILY III.—TEUTHIDÆ. CALAMARIES, OR SQUIDS.

*Body* elongated; *fins* short, broad, and mostly terminal.

*Shell* (*gladius* or *pen*) horny, consisting of three parts,—a shaft, and two lateral expansions or wings.

Sub-family A. *Myopsidæ*, D'Orbigny. *Eyes* covered by the skin.

LOLIGO. (*Pliny*) Lamarck. Calamary.

*Synonym*, *teuthis* (Aristotle), Gray.

*Type*, *L. vulgaris* (*sepia loligo*, L.). Fig. 1. Pl. I., fig. 6 (*pen*).

*Pen* lanceolate, with the shaft produced in front; it is multiplied by age, several being found packed closely, one behind another, in old specimens. (Owen.)

*Body* tapering behind, much elongated in the males. *Fins* terminal, united, rhombic. *Mantle* supported by a cervical ridge, and by two grooves in the base of the funnel. *Suckers* in two rows, with horny, dentated hoops. *Tentacular club* with four rows of suckers. Length (excluding tentacles) from 3 inches to 2½ feet. Fourth left arm in male metamorphosed at its extremity. Steenstrup\* says two species are confounded under the name of *L. vulgaris*. The variety occurring in the Atlantic, and not in the Mediterranean, is a distinct species (*L. Forbesii*, Stp.). In it the fourth left arm has twenty-three pairs of suckers well developed, five less developed, while the arm beyond the twenty-eighth pair is occupied by forty pairs of conical elongated papillæ, which correspond to forty pairs of suckers. Steenstrup recognises only seven living species of *Loligo*, all the others so called being only varieties of these.

\* Annals of Natural History, 1857.

The calamaries are good swimmers; they also crawl, head downwards, on their oral disk. The common species is used for bait, by fishermen, on the Cornish coast. (Couch.) Shells have been found in its stomach, and more rarely sea-weed. (Dr. Johnston.) Their egg-clusters have been estimated to contain nearly 40,000 eggs. (Bohadsch.)

*Distribution*, 24 species, in all seas. Norway—New Zealand.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Lias.

*Sub-genus*. *Teudopsis*, Dealongchamps, 1835.

*Etymology*, *teuthis*, a calamary, and *opsis*, like.

*Type*, *T. Bunellii*, Desl.

*Pen* like *loligo*, but dilated and spatulate behind.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Upper Lias, Oolite; France and Wurtemberg.

#### GONATUS, Gray.

*Animal* and *pen* like *loligo* in most respects. *Arms* with four series of cups; *tentacular club* with numerous small cups, and a single large sessile cup armed with a hook; funnel valveless.

*Distribution*, a single species (*G. amana*, Müller sp.) is found on the coast of Greenland.

#### SEPIOTEUTHIS, Blainville.

*Synonyms*, (?) *Lololus* (Steenstrup); *Chondrosepia* (Leuckart).

*Type*, *S. sepioidea*, Bl. *Animal* like *loligo*;  *fins* lateral, as long as the body. Length from 4 inches to 3 feet. Fourth left arm hectocotylised at the apex.

*Distribution*, 13 species. West Indies, Cape, Red Sea, Java, Australia, Mediterranean.

#### BELOTEUTHIS, Münster.

*Etymology*, *belos*, a dart, and *teuthis*.

*Type*, *B. subcostata*, Münster. Pl. II., fig. 8., Upper Lias, Wurtemberg.

*Pen* horny, lanceolate; with a very broad shaft, pointed at each end, and small lateral wings.

*Distribution*, 6 species described by Münster, considered varieties of one only (differing in age and sex) by M. D'Orbigny.

*Pen* broad, pointed behind; shaft broad, truncated in front; lateral wings shorter than the shaft.

*Fossil*, 9 species. Upper Lias, Wurtemberg; Calvados; Lyme Regis. Several undescribed species in the Oxford clay, Chippenham.

Besides the *pens* of this calamary, the *ink-bag*, the muscular mantle, and the bases of the arms, are preserved in the Oxford clay. Some of the ink-bags found in the Lias are nearly a foot in length, and are invested with a brilliant nacreous layer; the ink forms excellent *sepia*. It is difficult to understand how these were preserved, as the recent calamaries "spill their ink" on the slightest alarm. (Buckland.) This genus may probably turn out to belong to the Belemnitidæ.

### LEPTOTEUTHIS, Meyer.

*Etymology*, *Leptos*, thin, and *teuthis*.

*Type*, *L. gigas*, Meyer, Oxford clay, Solenhofen.

*Pen* very broad and rounded in front, pointed behind; with obscure diverging ribs.

### CRANCHIA, Leach, 1817.

*Named* in honour of Mr. J. Cranch, naturalist to the Congo expedition.

*Synonym*, *Owenia*, Prosch.

*Type*, *C. scabra*, Leach.

*Body* large, ventricose; fins small, terminal; mantle supported in front by a branchial septum. Length two inches. *Head* very small. *Eyes* fixed. *Buccal* membrane large, 8-lobed. *Arms* short, suckers in two rows. *Tentacular* clubs finned behind, cups in four rows. *Funnel* valved.

*Pen* long and narrow.

*Distribution*, 3 species. West Africa; in the open sea.

This genus makes the nearest approach to the octopods.

### SEPIOLA. (Rondelet) Leach, 1817.

*Example*, *S. atlantica* (D'Orbigny). Pl. I., fig. 4.

*Body* short, purse-like; mantle supported by a broad cervical band, and a ridge fitting a groove in the funnel. *Fins* dorsal, rounded, contracted at the base. *Suckers* in two rows, or crowded, on the arms, in four rows on the tentacles. Length two to four inches. First left arm hectocotylised.

*Pen* half as long as the back. *S. Stenodactyla* (sepioloidea, D'Orbigny) has no pen.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Coasts of Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Mauritius, Japan, Australia.

*Sub-genus*. *Rossia*, Owen (*R. palpebrosa*). *Synonym*, *Heteroteuthis* (Gray). *Mantle*, supported by a cervical ridge and groove. *Suckers* in two rows on the tentacles. First left arm hectocotylized throughout its length, and the corresponding right one in the middle. Length three to five inches.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Regent Inlet, Britain, Mediterranean, Manilla.

#### Sub-family B. *Oigopsidae*, D'Orbigny.

*Eyes* naked. *Fins* always terminal, and united, forming a rhomb.

#### LOLIGOPSIS, Lam. 1812.

*Etymology*, *loligo*, and *opsis*, like.

*Synonyms*, *Leachia*, Les., 1821; *Perotis*, Eschscholtz, 1827; *Taonius*, Steenstrup, 1861.

*Type*, *L. pavo* (Lesueur).

*Body* elongated, mantle supported in front by a branchial septum. *Arms* short. *Cups* in two rows. *Tentacles* slender, often mutilated. *Funnel* valveless.

*Pen* slender, with a minute conical appendix. Length from six to twelve inches.

*Distribution*, pelagic, 8 species. North Sea, Atlantic, Mediterranean, India, Japan, South Sea.

#### CHEIROTEUTHIS, D'Orbigny.

*Etymology*, *cheir*, the hand, and *teuthis*.

*Type*, *C. veranii*, Fér.

*Mantle* supported in front by ridges. *Funnel* valveless. *Ventral arms* very long. *Tentacles* extremely elongated, slender, with distant sessile cups on the peduncles, and four rows of pedunculated claws on their expanded ends.

*Pen* slender, slightly winged at each end. Length of the body two inches; to the tips of the arms eight inches; to the ends of the tentacles three feet.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Atlantic, Mediterranean; on gulf-weed in the open sea.

front by ridges and grooves. *Buccal* membrane 6-lobed. *Arms* (except the ventral pair) webbed high up. *Tentacles* long, outside the web, with six rows of dentated cups on their ends.

*Pen* short and broad.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Mediterranean; in the open sea.

**ONYCHOTEUTHIS, Lichtenstein. Uncinated calamary.**

*Etymology*, *onyx*, a claw, and *teuthis*.

*Type*, *O. banksii*, Leach (— *bartlingii*?). Pl. I., fig. 7 and fig. 8 (*pen*).

*Synonyms*, *ancistroteuthis* (Gray). *Onychia* (Lesueur).

*Pen* narrow, with hollow, conical apex.

*Arms* with two rows of suckers. *Tentacles* long and powerful, armed with a double series of hooks; and usually having a small group of suckers at the base of each club, which they are supposed to unite, and thus use their tentacles in conjunction.\* Length four inches to two feet.

The uncinated calamaries are solitary animals, frequenting the open sea, and especially the banks of gulf-weed (*sargasso*). *O. banksii* ranges from Norway to the Cape and Indian Ocean; the rest are confined to warm seas. *O. dussumieri* has been taken swimming in the open sea, 200 leagues north of the Mauritius.

*Distribution*, 8 species. Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Pacific.

**ENOPLOTEUTHIS, D'Orbigny. Armed calamary.**

*Etymology*, *enoplos*, armed, and *teuthis*.

*Type*, *E. smithii*, Leach.

*Synonyms*, *ancistrochirus* and *abralia* (Gray), *octopodoteuthis* (Ruppell), *verania* (Krohn).

*Pen* lanceolate. *Arms* provided with a double series of horny hooks, concealed by retractile webs. *Tentacles* long and feeble, with small hooks at the end. Length (excluding the tentacles) from two inches to one foot; but some species attain a larger size. In the museum of the College of Surgeons there is an arm of the specimen of *E. unguiculata*, found by Banks and Solander in Cook's first voyage (mentioned at p. 158), supposed to have been 6 feet long when perfect. The natives of the Polynesian Islands, who dive for shell-fish, have a well-founded dread of these formidable creatures. (Owen.)

*Distribution*, 10 species. Mediterranean, Pacific.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Oolite.

\* The obstetric forceps of Professor Simpson were suggested by the suckers of the calamary.

## OMMASTREPHES, D'Orbigny. Sagittated calamary.

*Etymology*, *omma*, the eyes, and *strephe*, to turn.

*Synonym*, *Hyaloteuthis* (Gray).

*Type*, *O. sagittatus*, Lam.

*Body* cylindrical; terminal fins large and rhombic. *Arms* with two rows of suckers, and sometimes an internal membranous fringe. *Tentacles* short and strong, with four rows of cups.

*Pen* consisting of a shaft with three diverging ribs, and a hollow conical appendix. Length from one inch to nearly four feet.

The sagittated calamaries are gregarious, and frequent the open sea in all climates. They are extensively used in the cod-fishery off Newfoundland, and are the principal food of the dolphins and cachalots, as well as of the albatross and larger petrels. The sailors call them "sea-arrows," or "flying squids," from their habit of leaping out of the water, often to such a height as to fall on the decks of vessels. They leave their eggs in long clusters floating at the surface.

*Distribution*, 14 recent species; similar *pens* (4 species) have been found fossil in the Oxford clay, Solenhofen; it may, however, be doubted whether they are generically identical. There is 1 tertiary species.

## THYSANOTEUTHIS, Troeschel. '1857.

*Etymology*, *thysanos*, a fringe.

*Arms* sessile and webbed, but without hooks. *Tentacles* furnished with cups. *Fin* long. *Pen* sagittate. Two recent species, *T. rhombus*, *T. elegans*. Mediterranean.

## LOLIOLUS, Stp. 1858.

*Pen* horny, broad, with the shaft sharp-keeled; no muscular bands to the funnel; suckers with a raised band. Left fourth arm hectocotylised.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Indian Ocean.

DOSIDIUS, Stp. 1856.

Somewhat like *Ommastrephes*. Lower portion of arms with large suckers, and the extremity with numerous small suckers. Tentacles with four or five hooks.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Mediterranean.

FAMILY IV.—BELEMNITIDÆ.

Shell consisting of a *pen*, terminating posteriorly in a chambered cone, sometimes invested with a fibrous *guard*. The air-cells of the *phragmocone* are connected by a *siphuncle*, close to the ventral side.

BELEMNITES, Lamarck. 1801.

*Etymology*, *belemnion*, a dart.\*

*Example*, *B. puzosianus*, Pl. II., Fig. 5.

*Phragmocone* horny, slightly nacreous, with a minute globular nucleus at its apex; divided internally by numerous concave *septa*. *Pen* represented by two nacreous bands on the dorsal side of the *phragmocone*, and produced beyond its rim, in the form of sword-shaped processes (Pl. II., Fig. 5).† *Guard* fibrous, often elongated and cylindrical; becoming very thin in front, where it invests the *phragmocone*.‡ *Suckers* provided with horny hooks.

More than 100 species of belemnites have been found in a fossil state, ranging from the lias to the chalk, and distributed over all Europe. A few species have been found in the chalk

\* The termination *ites* (from *lithos*, a stone) was formerly given to all fossil genera.

† Five specimens were at one time in Dr. Mantell's cabinet, and others are in the British Museum; they were obtained by William Buy in the Oxford clay of Christian Malford, Wilts. A still finer specimen, in Mr. Montefiore's collection, was recently obtained from the lias of Dorsetshire by Mr. Day. The *last chamber* of a lias belemnite in the British Museum is 6 inches long, and 2½ inches across at the smaller end; a fracture near the *siphuncle* shows the *ink-bag*. The *phragmocone* of a specimen corresponding to this in size measures 7½ inches in length.

‡ The specific gravity of the guard is identical with that of the shell of the recent pinna, and its structure is the same. Parkinson and others have supposed that it was originally a light and porous structure, like the cuttle bone; but the *mucro* of the *sepiostaire*, with which alone it is homologous, is quite as dense as the belemnite. We are indebted to Mr. Alex. Williams, M.R.C.S., for the following specific gravities of recent and fossil shells, compared with water as 1,000:—

<i>Belemnites puzosianus</i> , Oxford clay	...	...	...	...	2,674
<i>Belemnitella mucronata</i> , chalk	...	...	...	...	2,677
Pinna, recent, from the Mediterranean	...	...	...	...	2,607
<i>Trichites plottii</i> , from the inferior oolite	...	...	...	...	2,670
<i>Conus monile</i> , recent	...	...	...	...	2,910
<i>Conus ponderosus</i> , Miocene, Touraine	...	...	...	...	2,713

of Southern India, and a few more in the Jurassic formation of the Himalayas. The *phragmocone* of the belemnite, which represents the terminal appendix of the calamaries, is divided into air-chambers, connected by a small tube (*siphuncle*), like the shell of the pearly nautilus. It is exceedingly delicate, and usually owes its preservation to the infiltration of calcareous spar: specimens frequently occur in the lias, with the meniscus-shaped casts of the air-chambers loose, like a pile of watch-glasses. It is usually eccentric, its apex being nearest to the ventral side of the guard. The *guard* is very variable in its proportions, being sometimes only half an inch longer than the phragmocone, at others one or two feet in length. These variations probably depend to some extent on age and sex; M. D'Orbigny believes that the shells of the males are always (comparatively) long and slender; those of the females are at first short, but afterwards growing only at the points, they become as long in proportion as the others. The guard always exhibits (internally) concentric lines of growth; in *B. irregularis* its apex is hollow. Our knowledge of this genus now extends to the form and proportions of the body, arms, the hooks, ink-bag, one type of pro-ostacum and beak. The belemnites have been divided into groups by the presence and position of furrows on the surface of the guard.

#### SECTION I. ACCELLI (Bronn.), without dorsal or ventral grooves.

Sub-section 1. *Acuarii*, without lateral furrows, but often channelled at the extreme point.

Type, *B. acuaris*. 20 species. Lias—Neocomian.

Sub-section 2. *Clavati*, with lateral furrows.

Type, *B. clavatus*. 3 species. Lias.

#### SECTION II. GASTROCELLI (D'Orb.), ventral groove distinct.

Sub-section 1. *Canaliculati*, no lateral furrows.

Type, *B. canaliculatus*. 5 species. Inferior oolite—Great oolite.

Sub-section 2. *Hastati*, lateral furrows distinct.

Type, *B. hastatus*. 19 species. Upper lias—Gault.

SECTION III. NEOCELLI (D'Orb.), with dorsal and ventral grooves.





some of the marlstone quarries of the central counties, and the lias cliffs of Dorsetshire. It is also probable that they lived in a moderate depth of water, and preferred a muddy bottom to rocks or coral-reefs, with which they would be apt to come in perilous collision. Belemnites injured in the lifetime of the animal have been frequently noticed.

### BELEMNITELLA, D'Orb.

*Synonym*, Actinocamax, Miller (founded on a mistake.)

*Type*, *B. mucronata*, Sby. Pl. II., Fig. 6.

*Distribution*, Europe; North America. 6 species. Upper greensand and chalk.

The *guard* of the belemnitella has a straight fissure on the ventral side of its alveolar border; its surface exhibits distinct vascular impressions. The *phragmocone* is never preserved, but casts of the alveolus show that it was chambered, that it had a single dorsal ridge, a ventral process passing into the fissure of the guard, and an apical nucleus.

### XIPHOTEUTHIS, Hux. (1864).

*Shell* with a long phragmocone enveloped in a calcareous sheath.

*Fossil*. 1 species. Lias. England.

### ACANTHOTEUTHIS (Wagner), Münster.

*Etymology*, *acantha*, a spine, and *teuthis*.

*Synonyms*, Kalæno (Münster). Belemnoteuthis?

*Type*, *A. prisca*, Ruppell.

Founded on the fossil hooks of a calamary, preserved in the Oxford clay of Solenhofen. These show that the animal had ten nearly equal arms, all furnished with a double series of horny claws, throughout their length. A *pen* like that of the *ommastrephes* has been hypothetically ascribed to these arms, which may, however, have belonged to the *belemnite* or the *belemnoteuthis*.

*Fossil*. 17 species. Oolite.

### BELEMNOTEUTHIS (Miller, Pearce, 1842).

*Type*, *B. antiquus* (Cunnington), Fig. 40.

*Shell* consisting of a *phragmocone*, like that of the belemnite; a horny dorsal *pen* with obscure lateral bands; and a thin fibrous *guard*, with two diverging ridges on the dorsal side.

Animal provided with arms and tentacles of nearly equal length, furnished with a double alternating series of horny hooks, from 20 to 40 pairs on each arm; mantle free all round; fins large, medio-dorsal (much larger than in Fig. 40).

Fossil in the Oxford clay of Chippenham. Similar horny claws have been found in the lias of Watchett, and a *guard* equally thin is figured in Buckland's *Bridge-water Treatise*, t. 44, Fig. 14.

In the fossil calamary of Chippenham the shell is preserved along with the muscular mantle, fins, ink-bag, funnel, eyes, and tentacles with their horny hooks. All the specimens were discovered, and developed with unexampled skill, by William Bay, of Sutton, near Chippenham.

#### CONOTRUTHIS, D'Orb.

*Type*, *C. Dupinianus*, D'Orb. Pl. II., Fig. 9. *Neocomian*, France; Gault, England.

*Phragmocone* slightly curved. *Pen* elongated, very slender.

This shell, which is like the pen of an ommastrephid, with a chambered cone, connects the ordinary calamaries with the belemnites.

#### FAMILY V.—SEPIADÆ.

*Shell* (cuttle-bone, or *sepiostaire*) calcareous; consisting of a broad laminated plate, terminating behind in a hollow, imper-

\* Fig. 40. *Belemnoteuthis antiquus*,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , ventral side, from a specimen in the cabinet of William Cunningham, Esq., of Devizes. The last chamber of the phragmocone is preserved in this specimen. *a*, represents the dorsal side of an uncompressed phragmocone from the Key-way rock, in the cabinet of J. G. Lowe Esq., *c* is a detail



ctly chambered apex (*mucro*). *Animal* with elongated tentacles, expanded at their ends.

**SEPIA** (Pliny), Linnæus.

*Type*, *S. officinalis*, L. Pl. I., Fig. 5.

*Synonyms*, *Belosepia*, Voltz. (*B. sepioidea*, Pl. II., Fig. 3, *mucro* only.) *Palæoteuthis*, Roem.

*Body* oblong, with lateral fins as long as itself. *Arms* with four rows of suckers. *Mantle* supported by tubercles fitting into sockets on the neck and funnel. Length 3 to 28 inches.

*Shell* as wide and long as the body; very thick in front, concave internally behind; terminating in a prominent *mucro*. The thickened part is composed of numerous plates, separated by vertical fibres, which render it very light and porous. *S. Orbignyana*, Pl. II., Fig. 2.

The cuttle-bone was formerly employed as an antacid by apothecaries; it is now only used as "pounce," or in casting counterfeits. The bone of a Chinese species attains the length of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  foot. (Adams.)

The cuttle-fishes live near shore, and the *mucro* of their shell seems intended to protect them in the frequent collisions they are exposed to in swimming backwards. (D'Orbigny.)

*Distribution*, 30 species. World-wide; 2 British.

*Fossil*, 10 species. Oxford clay, Solenhofen. Several species have been founded on *mucrones* from the Eocene of London and Paris. Pl. II., Fig. 3. *S. ungula* occurs fossil in Texas.

**SPIRULIROSTRA**, D'Orb.

*Type*, *S. Bellardii* (D'Orb.). Pl. II., Fig. 4. Miocene, Turin.

*Shell*, *mucro* only known; chambered internally; chambers connected by a ventral *siphuncle*; external spathose layer produced beyond the *phragmocone* into a long pointed beak.

**BELOPTERA** (Blainville), Deshayes.

*Etymology*, *belos*, a dart, and *pteron*, a wing.

*Type*, *B. belemnitoïdes*, Blainville. Pl. II., Fig. 7.

*Shell*, *mucro* (only known) chambered and siphuncled; winged externally.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Eocene. Paris; Bracklesham.

**BELEMNOSIS**, Edwards.

*Type*, *B. anomalus*, Sby. species. Eocene. Highgate (unique).

*Shell, macro chambered and siphuncled ; without lateral wings or elongated beak.*

### HELICERUS, Dana.

*Example, H. Fugiensis.* Only species known.

*Shell* like a belemnite, half-inch in diameter ; *guard* thick, sub-cylindrical, fibrous ; *phragmocone* slender, terminating in a fusiform spiral nucleus. In slate rock, Cape Horn.

### FAMILY VI.—SPIRULIDÆ.

*Shell* entirely nacreous ; discoidal ; whorls separate, chambered (*polythalamous*), with a ventral siphuncle.

### SPIRULA, Lam., 1801.

*Synonym, Lituus, Gray.*

*Example, S. lævis* (Gray). Pl. I., Fig. 9.

*Body* oblong, with minute terminal fins. *Mantle* supported by a cervical and two ventral ridges and grooves. *Arms* with six rows of very minute cups. *Tentacles* elongated. *Funnel* valved.

*Shell* placed vertically in the posterior part of the body, with the involute spire towards the ventral side. The last chamber is not larger in proportion than the rest ; its margin is organically connected ; it contains the ink-bag.

The delicate shell of the spirula is scattered by thousands on the shores of New Zealand ; it abounds on the Atlantic coasts, and a few specimens are yearly brought by the Gulf-stream, and strewed upon the shores of Devon and Cornwall. But the animal is only known by a few fragments, and one perfect specimen, obtained by Mr. Percy Earl on the coast of New Zealand.

*Distribution, 8 species.* All the warmer seas.

### ORDER II.—TETRABRANCHIATA.

*Animal* creeping ; protected by an external shell.

*Head* retractile within the mantle. *Eyes* pedunculated. *Mandibles* calcareous. *Arms* very numerous. *Body* attached to the shell by adductor muscles, and by a continuous horny girdle. *Branchiae* four. *Funnel* formed by the union of two lobes, which



It was long ago remarked by Dillwyn, that shells of the carnivorous gasteropods were almost, or altogether, wanting in the palæozoic and secondary strata; and that the office of these animals appeared to have been performed, in the ancient seas, by an order of cephalopods, now nearly extinct. Above 2,000 fossil species belonging to this order are now known by their shells; whilst their only living representatives are a few species of nautili.\*

The shell of the tetrabranchiate cephalopods is an extremely elongated cone, and is either straight, or variously folded, or coiled.

It is <i>straight</i> in	.	.	orthoceras	.	baculites.
<i>bent on itself</i> in	.	.	ascoceras	.	ptychoceras.
<i>curved</i> in	.	.	cyrtoceras	.	toxoceras.
<i>spiral</i> in	.	.	trochoceras	.	turrilites.
<i>discoidal</i> in	.	.	gyroceras	.	crioceras.
<i>discoidal and produced</i> in			lituites	.	ancyloceras.
<i>involute</i> in	.	.	nautilus	.	ammonites.

Internally, the shell is divided into cells or chambers, by a series of partitions (*septa*), connected by a tube or *siphuncle*. The last chamber only is occupied by the animal. The others are



Fig. 41. Suture of an ammonite.†

probably occupied in succession. They are empty during life, but in fossil specimens they are often filled with spar. When the outer shell is removed (as often happens to fossils), the edges of the *septa* are seen (as in Pl. III., Figs, 1, 2). Sometimes they form curved lines, as in *nautilus* and *orthoceras*, or they are zigzag, as in *goniatites* (Fig. 60), or *foliaceous*, as in the ammonite (Fig. 41).

\* The *frontispiece*, copied from Professor Owen's Memoir, represents the animal of the first nautilus, captured off the New Hebrides, and brought to England by Mr. Bennett; it is drawn as if lying in the section of a shell, without concealing any part of it. The woodcut, Fig. 50, is taken from a more perfect specimen, subsequently acquired by the British Museum, in which the relation of the animal to its shell is accurately shown.

† *A. heterophyllus*, Sby., from the lias, Lyme Regis. British Museum. Only one side is represented; the arrow indicates the dorsal saddle.

The outlines of the *septa* are termed *sutures*;\* when they are folded the elevations are called *saddles*, and the intervening depressions *lobes*. In *ceratites* (Fig. 61) the *saddles* are round, the lobes *dentated*; in *ammonites* both lobes and saddles are extremely complicated. Broken fossils show that the *septa* are nearly flat in the middle, and folded round the edge (like a shirt-frill), where they abut against the outer shell-wall (Fig. 44).

The *siphuncle* of the recent *nautilus* is a membranous tube, with a very thin nacreous investment; in most of the fossils it consists of a succession of funnel-shaped, or bead-like tubes. In some of the oldest fossil genera, *actinoceras*, *gyroceras*, and *phragmoceras*, the siphuncle is large, and contains in its centre a smaller tube, the space between the two being filled up with radiating plates, like the lamellæ of a coral. The position of the siphuncle is very variable; in the *ammonitidae* it is *external*, or close to the outer margin of the shell (Fig. 44). In the *nautilidae* it is usually *central* (Fig. 42), or *internal* (Fig. 43).



Fig. 42. Nautilus.



Fig. 43. Clymenia.



Fig. 44. Hamites.†

The *air-chambers* of the recent *nautilus* are lined by a very thin, living membrane; those of the fossil *orthocerata* retain indications of a thick vascular lining, connected with the animal by spaces between the beads of the siphuncle.‡

The *body-chamber* is always very capacious; in the recent *nautilus* its cavity is twice as large as the whole series of air-cells; in the *goniatite* (Fig. 46) it occupies a whole whorl, and has a considerable lateral extension; and in *ammonites communis* it occupies more than a whorl.

The *margin of the aperture* is quite simple in the recent *nautilus*,

and affords no clue to the many curious modifications observable in the fossil forms. In the ammonites we frequently find a dorsal

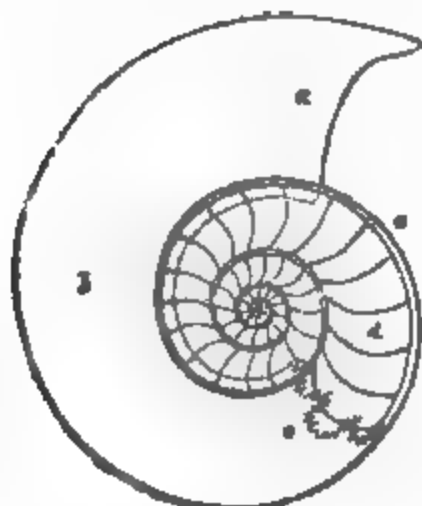


Fig. 45. Ammonites.

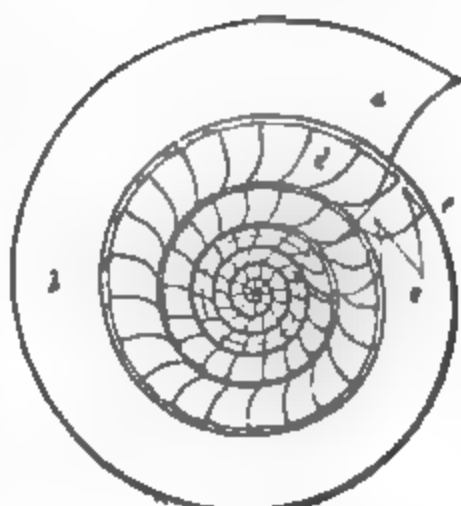


Fig. 46. Goniatites.\*

process, or lateral projections, developed periodically, or only in the adult (Fig. 62, and Pl. III., Fig. 5).

In *phragmoceras* and *gomphoceras* (Figs. 47, 48) the aperture is so much contracted that it is obvious the animal could not have withdrawn its head into the shell like the nautilus.

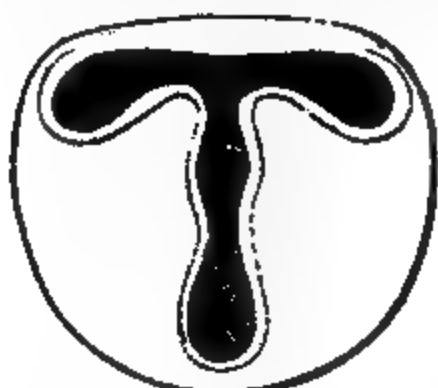


Fig. 47. Gomphoceras



Fig. 48. Phragmoceras.†

M. Barrande, from whose great work on the Silurian Formations of Bohemia these figures are taken, suggests that the lower part of the aperture (*ss*), which is almost isolated, may have

\* Fig. 45. Section of *Ammonites obtusus*, Sby. lias, Lyme Regis; from a very young specimen. Fig. 46. Section of *goniatites sphaericus*, Sby. carb. limestone, Bolland (in the cabinet of Mr. Tennant). The dotted lines indicate the lateral extent of the body-chamber.

† Fig. 47. *Gomphoceras Bohemicum* (Barrande), reduced view of the aperture; *s*, the siphonal opening. Fig. 48. *Phragmoceras callistoma* (Barr.), both from the U. Silurian, Bohemia.

served for the passage of the funnel, whilst the upper and larger space (cc) was occupied by the neck; the lobes probably indicate the position of the external arms.

The aperture of the pearly nautilus is closed by a disk or hood (Fig. 50, A), formed by the union of the two dorsal arms, which correspond to the shell-secreting arms of the argonaut.

In the extinct ammonites we have evidence that the aperture was guarded still more effectively by a horny or shelly operculum, secreted, in all probability, by these dorsal arms. In one group



Fig. 49. r

(*aristes*), the operculum consists of a single piece, and is horny and flexible.\* In the round-backed ammonites the operculum is shelly, and divided into two plates by a straight median suture (Fig. 49). They were described in 1811, by Parkinson, who called them *trigonellites*, and pointed out the resemblance of their internal structure to the cancellated tissue of bones. Their external surface is smooth or sculptured; the inner

side is marked by lines of growth. Forty-five kinds are enumerated by Bronn; they occur in all the strata in which ammonites are found, and a single specimen has been figured by M. D'Archiac, from the Devonian rocks of the Eifel, where it was associated with *goniatites*.†

Calcareous mandibles, or *rhyncholites* (F. Biguet), have been obtained from all the strata in which *nautili* occur; and from their rarity, their large size, and close resemblance to the mandibles of the recent nautilus, it is probable that they belonged only to that genus.§ In the Muschelkalk of Bavaria one

\* This form was discovered by the late Miss Mary Anning, the indefatigable collector of the lias fossils of Lyme Regis, and described by Mr. Strickland, *Geol. Journal*, vol. i., p. 233. Also by M. Volz, *Mém. de l'Institut*, 1837, p. 43.

† *Trigonellites lamellosus*, Park. Oxford clay, Spilshofen (and Chippenham), associated with ammonites *lingulatus*, Quenstedt. (= A. Brightii, Pratt). From a specimen in the cabinet of Charles Stiles, Esq.

‡ The *trigonellites* have been described by Meyer as bivalve shells, under the generic name of *aptychus*, by Deslongchamps under the name of *Monasteria*. M. D'Orbigny regards them as cirripedes! M. Deshayes believes them to be *gastropods* of the ammonites. M. Coquand compares them with *tendopas*; an analogy evidently suggested by some of the membranous and elongated forms, such as *T. angustolarius*.



nautilus (*N. arietis*, Reinecke, = *N. bidorsatus*, Schlotheim), is found, and two kinds of *rhyncholite*; one sort, corresponding with the upper mandible of the recent nautilus, has been called "*rhyncholites hirundo*" (Pl. II., Fig. 11); the other, which appears to be only the lower mandible of the same species, has been described under the name of "*conchorhynchus avirostris*."\* They also occur in the belemnite beds of the middle lias of Dorsetshire; these latter are very different in form from those of nautili in the lower lias, and may probably belong to belemnites.

In studying the fossil *tetrabranchiata*, it is necessary to take into consideration the varying circumstances under which they have been preserved. In some strata (as the lias of Watchett) the outer layer of the shell has disappeared, whilst the inner nacreous layer is preserved. More frequently only the outer layer remains; and in the chalk formation the whole shell has perished. In the calcareous grit of Berkshire and Wiltshire the ammonites have lost their shells; but perfect casts of the chambers, formed of calcareous spar, remain.†

Fossil *orthocerata* and *ammonites* are evidently in many instances *dead shells*, being overgrown with corals, serpulæ, or oysters; every cabinet affords such examples. In others the animal has apparently occupied its shell, and prevented the ingress of mud, which has hardened all around it; after this it has decomposed, and contributed to form those phosphates and sulphides commonly present in the body-chamber of fossil shells, and by which the sediment around them is so often formed into a hard concretion.‡ In this state they are permeated by mineral water, which slowly deposits calcareous spar, in crystals, on their walls; or by acidulous water, which removes every trace of the shell, leaving a cavity, which at some future time may again become filled with spar, having the form of the shell but not its structure. In some sections of *orthocerata* it is evident that the mud has gained access to the air-cells; but the chambers are not entirely filled, because their lining membrane has contracted, leaving a space between itself and certain portions of the walls, which correspond in each chamber.

The tetrabranchs could undoubtedly swim, by their respiratory jets; but the discoidal nautili and ammonites are not well

\* *Lepas avirostris* (Schlotheim), described by Blainville as the beak of a brachiopod!

† Called *spondylolites* by old writers.

‡ In the alum-shale of Whitby innumerable *concretions* are found, which, when struck with the hammer, split open and disclose an *ammonite*. See Dr. Mantell's "Thoughts on a Pebble," p. 21.

calculated, by their forms, for swimming; and the straight-shelled *orthocerata* and *baculites* must have held a nearly vertical position, head downwards, on account of the buoyancy of their shells. The use of the air-chambers is to render the whole animal (and shell) of nearly the same specific gravity with the water.\* The object of the numerous partitions is not so much to sustain the pressure of the water, as to guard against the collisions to which the shell is exposed. They are most complicated in the *ammonites*, whose general form possesses least strength.† The purpose of the siphuncle (as suggested by Mr. Searles Wood) is to maintain the vitality of the shell during the long life which these animals certainly enjoyed. Mr. Forbes has suggested that the inner course of the *hamites* broke off as the outer ones were formed. But this was not the case with the *orthocerata*, whose long straight shells were particularly exposed to danger; in these the preservation of the shell was provided for by the increased size and strength of the siphuncle, and its increased vascularity. In *endoceras* we find the siphuncle thickened by *internal* deposits, until in some of the very cylindrical species it forms an almost solid axis.

The *nucleus* of the shell is rather large in the *nautili*, and causes an opening to remain through the shell, until the *umbilicus* is filled up with a callous deposit; several fossil species have always a hole through the centre.

In the *ammonites*, the *nucleus* is exceedingly small, and the whorls compact from the first.

It has been stated that the *septa* are formed periodically; but it must not be supposed that the shell-muscles ever become detached, or that the animal moves the distance of a chamber all at once. It is most likely that the *adductores* grow only in front, and that a constant waste takes place behind, so that they are always moving onward, except when a new septum is to be formed; the *septa* indicate periodic rests.

The consideration of this fact, that the *nautilus* must so frequently have an air-cavity between it and its shell, is alone sufficient to convince us that the chambered cephalopods could

\* A *nautilus pompilius* (in the cabinet of Mr. Morris) weighs 11b., and when the siphuncle is secured, it floats with a 4b. weight on its aperture. The animal would

not exist in very deep water. They were probably limited to a depth of 20 or 30 fathoms at the utmost.\*

It is certain that the sexes were distinct in the *tetrabranchiata*. M. D'Orbigny, noticing that there were two varieties of almost every kind of ammonite—one compressed, the other inflated—naturally assumed that the first were the shells of male individuals (♂), the second of females (♀). Dr. Melville has made a similar suggestion with respect to the nautili; namely, that the umbilicated specimens are the males, the imperforated shells, females. Professor Van der Hoeven has described the difference in the shells of the two sexes;† but these are trivial as compared with those presented by the animals. The most marked is that while the female has twelve retractile tentacles, the male has only eight, while the other four tentacles are coalesced together to form an organ called the *spadix*.

In 1865, M. Barrande published the plates to his second volume on the Cephalopods of Bohemia. We have not been able to see this work: but it contains 107 plates, with figures of 200 species of cephalopods, belonging to the genera *Goniatites*, *Nothoceras*, *Trochoceras*, *Hercoceras*, *Lituities*, *Phragmoceras*, *Gomphoceras*, and *Ascoceras*.

#### FAMILY I.—NAUTILIDÆ.

*Shell.* *Body-chamber* capacious. *Aperture* simple. *Sutures* simple. *Siphuncle* central or internal. (Figs. 50, 51.)

#### NAUTILUS, Breynius, 1732.

*Shell* involute or discoidal, few-whorled. *Siphuncle* central or sub-central.

In the recent nautili, the shell is smooth, but in many fossil species it is corrugated, like the patent iron-roofing, so remarkable for its strength and lightness. (Buckland.) See Pl. II., Fig. 10.

The *umbilicus* is small or obsolete in the typical nautili, and the whorls enlarge rapidly. In the palæozoic species, the whorls increase slowly, and are sometimes scarcely in contact. The last *air-cell* is frequently shallower in proportion than the rest.

\* By *deep water*, naturalists and dredgers seldom mean more than 25 fathoms, a comparatively small depth, only found near coasts and islands. At 100 fathoms the pressure exceeds 265lbs. to the square inch. Empty bottles, securely corked, and sunk with weights beyond 100 fathoms, are always crushed. If filled with liquid, the cork is driven in, and the liquid replaced by salt water; and in drawing the bottle up again the cork is returned to the neck of the bottle, generally in a reversed position. (Sir F. Beaufort.)

† *Annals of Natural History*, vol. xix. 1857.

*Animal.* In the recent nautilus, the *mandibles* are horny, but calcified to a considerable extent; they are surrounded by a circular fleshy lip, external to which are four groups of *labial tentacles*, twelve or thirteen in each group; they appear to answer

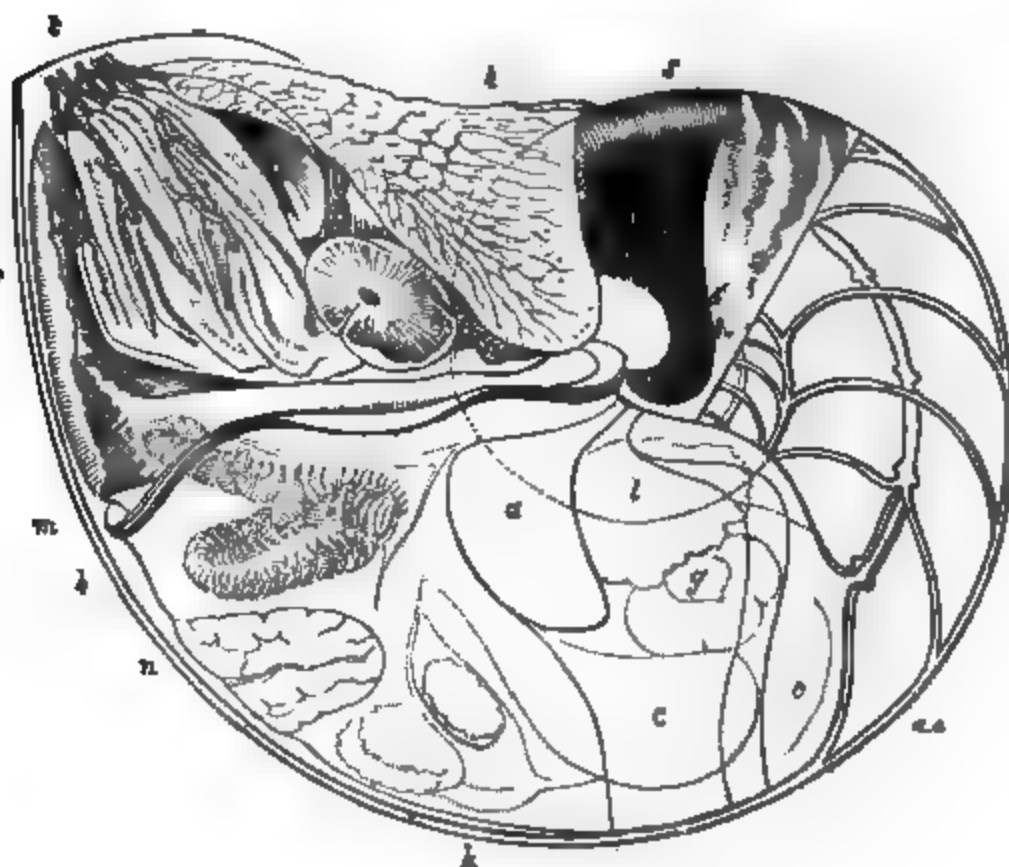


Fig. 50. *Nautilus pompilius* in its shell.\*

to the *buccal membrane* of the calamary (Fig. 1). Beyond these, on each side of the head, is a double series of arms, or *brachial tentacles*, thirty-six in number; the dorsal pair are expanded, and united to form the hood, which closes the aperture of the shell, except for a small space on each side, which is filled by the second pair of arms. The *tentacles* are lamellated on their inner surface, and are retractile within sheaths, or "digitations," which correspond to the eight ordinary arms of the

\* This woodcut and eighteen others illustrating the *tetrabranchiata*, are the property of Dr. G. S. Cooper, and are published for their use. Fig. 50 represents the recent

attle-fishes ; their superiority in number being indicative of a lower grade of organisation. Besides these there are four *ocular tentacles*, one behind and one in front of each eye ; they seem to be instruments of sensation, and resemble the tentacles of *doris* and *aplysia*. (Owen.) On the side of each eye is a hollow plicated process, which is not tentaculiferous. This process bears the external ears. The cavity leads to the auditory capsule, along a passage lined with a glandular membrane. The *respiratory funnel* is formed by the folding of a very thick muscular lobe, which is prolonged laterally on each side of the head, with its free edge directed backwards into the branchial cavity ; behind the *hood* it is directed forwards, forming a lobe which lies against the black-stained spire of the shell (Fig. 50 s).<sup>\*</sup> Inside the funnel is a valve-like fold (Fig. 51 s). The margin of the mantle is entire, and extends as far as the edge of the shell : its substance is firm and muscular as far back as the line of the shell-muscles and horny girdle, beyond which it is thin and transparent. The *shell-muscles* are united by a narrow tract across the hollow occupied by the involute spire of the shell : and are thus rendered horse-shoe shaped. The *siphuncle* is vascular ; it opens into the cavity containing the heart (*pericardium*), and is most probably filled with fluid from that cavity (Owen).

Respecting the habits of the nautilus very little is known : the specimen dissected by Professor Owen had its crop filled with fragments of a small crab, and its mandibles seem well adapted for breaking shells. The statement that it visits the surface of the sea of its own accord is, at present, unconfirmed on observation, although the air-cells would doubtless enable the animal to rise by a very small amount of muscular exertion.

Professor Owen gives the following passage, from the old Dutch naturalist, Rumphius, who wrote, in 1705, an account of the rarities of Amboyna. "When the nautilus floats on the water, he puts out his head and all his tentacles, and spreads them upon the water, with the poop of the shell above water ;

<sup>\*</sup> The *funnel* is considered to be the homologue of the foot of the gasteropods by Lovén, a conclusion with which we cannot agree. The cephalopods ought to be compared with the *larval* gasteropods, in which the foot only serves to support an operculum ; or with the floating tribes in which the foot is obsolete, or serves only to secrete a nidamental raft (*ianthina*). However, on examining the nautilus preserved in the British Museum, and finding that the funnel was only part of a muscular collar, which extends all round the neck of the animal, we could not avoid noticing its resemblance to the siphonal lappets of *paludina*, and to that series of lappets (including the *operculigerous lobe*) which surrounds the *trochus* (Fig. 114).

but at the bottom he creeps in the reverse position, with his boat above him, and with his head and tentacles upon the ground, making a tolerably quick progress. He keeps himself chiefly upon the ground, creeping also sometimes into the nets of the fishermen; but after a storm, as the weather becomes calm, they are seen in troops, floating on the water, *being driven up by the agitation of the waves*. This sailing, however, is not of long continuance; for having taken in all their tentacles, they upset their boat, and so return to the bottom."

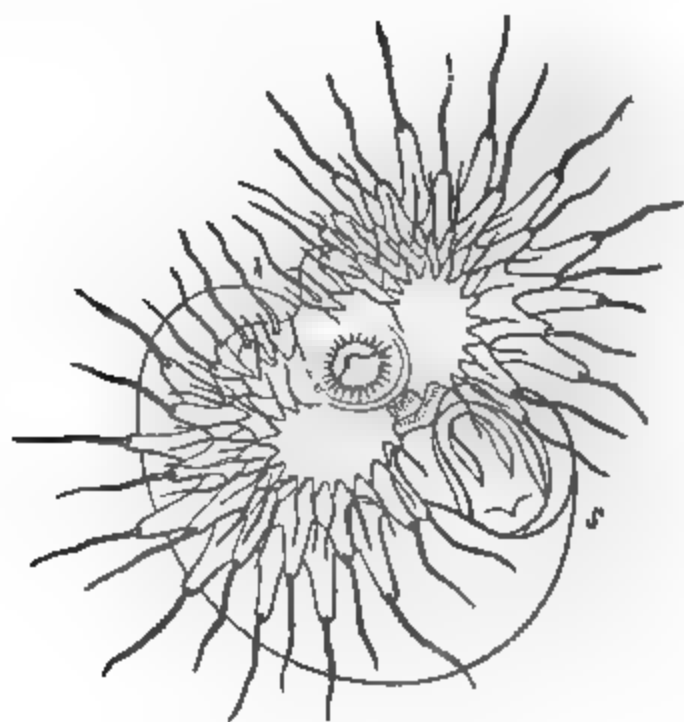


Fig. 51. Nautilus expanded.\*

*Distribution*, 3 or 4 species. Chinese seas, Indian Ocean, Persian Gulf.

*Fossil*, about 186 species. In all strata, South and North America (Chili). Europe. S. India.

There are two types of ornamentation in nautili—the smooth and the longitudinally striated; the latter are almost exclusively oolitic, and at present only 1 species is known in Indian cretaceous rocks; the smooth type is almost exclusively cretaceous and is abundantly represented in India. D'Orbigny

has taken advantage of these characters for dividing the nautili into three groups, viz., 1. *Lævigati*. Nautili with smooth shells ranging from the Permian epoch to the present time; 2. *Radiati*. Shells ornamented with transverse ribs, mainly cretaceous; and 3. *Striati*. Shells ornamented with longitudinal striæ. These are confined to the oolite in Europe. In India a few species occur in the lower chalk.

*Sub-genus. Aturia* (Bronn). = *Megasiphonia*, D'Orb.

*Type*, *N. zic-zac*, Sby. Pl. II., Fig. 12, London Clay, Highgate.

*Shell*, sutures with a deep lateral lobe; siphuncle nearly internal, large, continuous, resembling a succession of funnels.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Eocene; North America, Europe, India.

*Sub-genus? Discites*, McCoy. *Whorls* all exposed; the last chamber sometimes produced.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Lower Silurian.—Carb. limestone.

*Temnocheilus*, McCoy. Founded on the carinated species of the carb. limestone, of which 5 are known.

*Cryptoceras*, D'Orb. *Ascoceras*, Barr. Founded on *N. dorsalis*, Phil., and one other species, in which the siphuncle is nearly external.

*Fossil*, 16 species. Upper Silurian—Carb.

### LITUITES, Breynius.

*Etymology*, *lituus*, a trumpet.

*Synonyms*, *Hortolus*, Montf. (whorls separate). *Trocholites*, Conrad.

*Example*, *L. convolvans*, Schl. *L. lituus*, Hisinger.

*Shell*, discoidal; whorls close or separate; last chamber produced in a straight line; siphuncle central or sub-central.

*Fossil*, 18 species. Silurian; North America, Europe.

### TROCHOCERAS, Barrande, 1848.

*Example*, *T. trochoides*, Bar.

*Shell* nautiloid, spiral, depressed.

*Fossil*, 44 species. Upper Silurian; Bohemia.

Some of the species are nearly flat, and, having the last chamber produced, would formerly have been considered *Lituities*.

Fig. 53. *Clymenia striata*, Munst.\*Fig. 54. *C. linearis*, Munst.

## CLYMENTIA, Munster, 1832.

*Etymology*, *Clymene*, a sea-nymph.

*Synonyms*, *Endosiphonites*, Ansted. *Sub-clymenia*, D'Orb.

*Example*, *C. striata*, Pl. II., Fig. 16 (Mus. Tennant).

*Shell* discoidal; *septa* simple or slightly lobed; *siphuncle* internal.

*Fossil*, 45 species. Upper Silurian—Mount. Limestone. North America, Europe.

## FAMILY II.—ORTHOCERATIDÆ.

*Shell* straight, curved, or discoidal; *body chamber* small; *aperture* contracted, sometimes extremely narrow (Figs. 48, 49); *siphuncle* complicated.

It seems probable that the cephalopods of this family were not able to withdraw themselves completely into their shells, like the pearly nautilus; this was certainly the case with some of them, as M. Barrande has stated, for the siphonal aperture is almost isolated from the cephalic opening. The shell appears to have been often less calcified, but connected with more vascular parts than in the nautilus; and the siphuncle often attains an enormous development. In all this, there is nothing to suggest a doubt of their being *tetrabranchiate*; and the chevron-shaped coloured bands preserved on the *orthoceras anguliferus*,† sufficiently prove that the shell was essentially external.

## ORTHOCERAS, Breyn.

*Etymology*, *orthos*, straight, and *ceras*, a horn.

*Synonyms*, *Cycloceras*, McCoy. *Gonioceras*, Hall.† *Conoceras*, Br. nn.

*Example*, *O. Ludense* (diagram of a longitudinal section) Pl. II., Fig. 14.

*Shell* straight; *siphuncle* central; *aperture* sometimes contracted.

*Fossil*, 240 species. Lower Silurian. Lower North America.



The *orthoceras* are the most abundant and wide-spread shells of the old rocks, and attained a larger size than any other fossil shell. A fragment of an *orthoceras*, in the collection of Mr. Tate of Alnwick, is a yard long, and 1 foot in diameter, its original length must have been 6 feet. Other species, 2 feet in length, are only 1 inch in diameter at the aperture.

*Sub-genus*, 1. *Cameroceus*, Conrad (= *melis* and *thoracoceras*, Fischer?).

*Siphuncle* lateral, sometimes very large (*simple*?).

Casts of these large siphuncles were called *hyolites* by Eichwald.

27 species. Lower Silurian—Trias? North America and Europe.

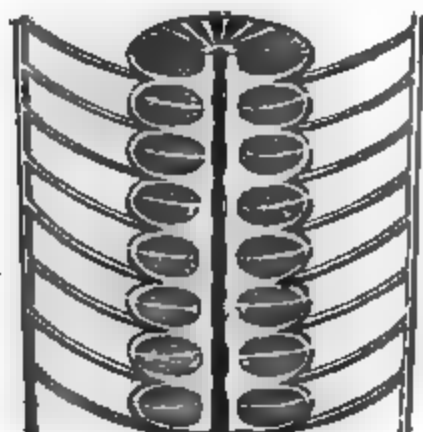


Fig. 54. *Actinoceras*.\*

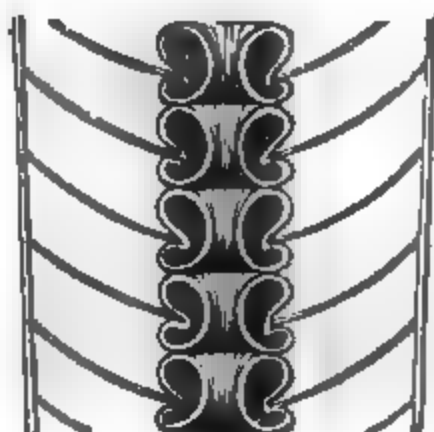


Fig. 55. *Ormoceras*.

2. *Actinoceras* (Bronn), Stokes. Siphuncle very large, inflated between the chambers, and connected with a slender central tube by radiating plates. 6 species. Lower Silurian—Carb.; North America, Baltic, and Brit.

3. *Ormoceras*, Stokes. Siphuncular beads constricted in the middle (making the septa appear as if united to the centre of each). 3 species. Lower Silurian—Devon; North America. This sub-genus very much resembles, if it is not identical with, the last mentioned.

4. *Huron*, Stokes. Shell extremely thin, membranous or horny? Siphuncle very large, central, the upper part of each joint inflated, connected with a small central tube by radiating plates. 3 species. Lower Silurian. Drummond Island, Lake Huron.

Numerous examples of this curious fossil were collected by Dr. Bigsby (in 1822), and by the officers of the regiments formerly

\* Fig. 54. *Actinoceras Richardsoni*, Stokes. Lake Winnipeg. (Diagram reduced  $\frac{1}{2}$ .)  
Fig. 55. *Ormoceras Bayfieldi*, Stokes. Drummond Island. (From Mr. Stokes' paper, Geol. Trans.)

stationed on Drummond Island. Specimens have also been brought home by the officers of many of the Arctic expeditions. But with the exception of one formerly in the possession of

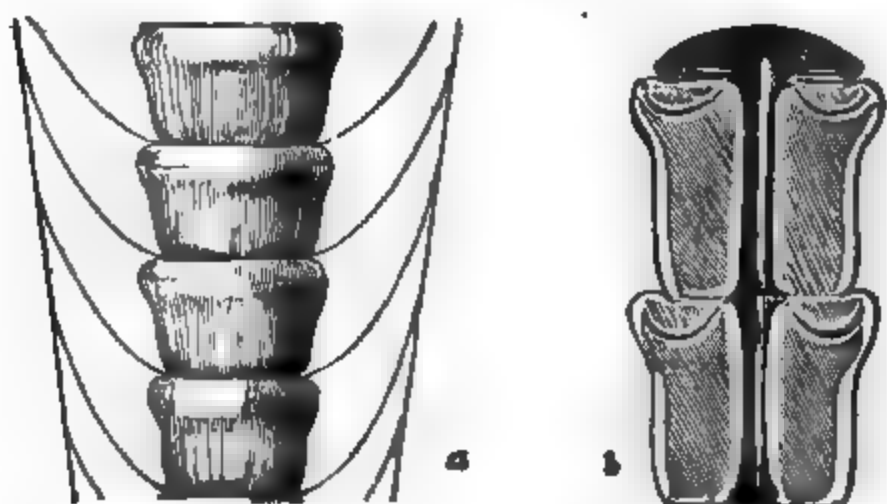


Fig. 56. *Huronia vertebralis*.\*

Lieutenant Gibson, and another in the cabinet of Mr. Stokes, the siphuncle only is preserved, and not a trace remains of septa or shell wall. Some of those seen by Dr. Bigsby in the limestone cliffs were 6 feet in length.

5. *Endoceras*, Hall (*Conotubularia*, Trocet). Shell extremely elongated, cylindrical. Siphuncle very large, cylindrical, lateral; thickened internally by repeated layers of shell, or partitioned off by funnel-shaped diaphragms. 12 species. Lower Silurian, New York.

Shell perforated by two distinct siphuncles? *O. bisiphonatum* Sby, Caradoc sandstone, Brit.

"Orthocerata with two siphuncles have been observed, but there has always appeared something doubtful about them. In the present instance, however, this structure cannot be questioned." (J. Sowerby.)

Small orthocerata of various species are frequently found in the body chamber and open siphuncle of large specimens.† The *endoceras gemelliparum* and *proteiforme* of Hall, appear to be examples of this kind.

6. *Tritoceras* = *Diploceras*, Salter. The shell is supposed to

\* Fig. 56. *Huronia vertebralis*, Stokes. a from a specimen in the British Museum presented by Dr. Bigsby. The septa are added from Dr. Bigsby's drawing; they were only indicated in the specimen by "colourless lines on the brown limestone." b represents a weathered section, presented to the British Museum by Captain Kellett and Lieutenant Wood, of H.M.S. *Pandora*. The figures are reduced ½.

† Shells of *Bellerophon* and *Murchisonia* are found under the same circumstances.

have resembled *Goniatites*, and the external tube to be a simple cavity, formed by the approximation of the lateral angles.

*Dicoceras* (*conoides*) Hall, 1852. Pal. New York. This shell appears to be a siphuncle similar to those figured by Dr. Bigsby in 1824 (Geol. Tra. I., Pl. 30, f. 6), and which have been correctly referred to the orthocerata by Quenstedt.

GOMPHOCERAS, J. Sby. 1839.

*Etymology*, *gompha*, a club; and *ceras*, a horn.

*Synonymy*, *Apicoceras* (Fischer). *Pterioceras* (McCoy).

*Type*, *G. pyriforme*, Sby., Fig. 59, and *G. Bohemicum*, Bar. Fig. 47.

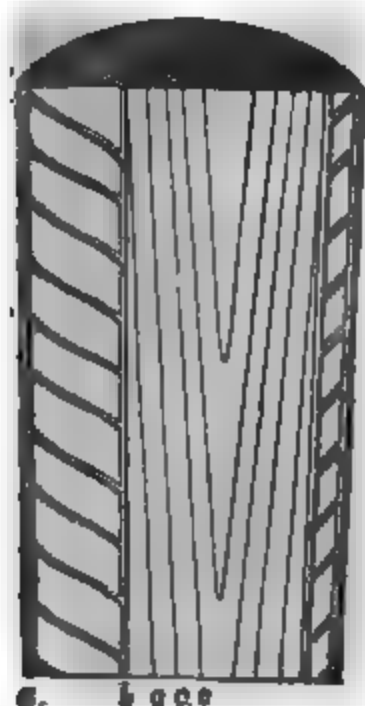


Fig. 57. *Endoceras*.\*



Fig. 58. *Gomphoceras*.†

*Shell*, fusiform or globular, with a tapering apex; aperture contracted in the middle; siphuncle moniliform, sub-central.

*Distribution*, 27 species. Lower Silurian—Carb. North America, Europe, Brit. Barrande figures 70 species in Vol. II. of his "Système Silurien," 1865, nearly all of which are believed to be new.

ONCOCERAS, Hall.

*Etymology*, *oncos*, a protuberance.

*Type*, *O. constrictum*, Hall. Trenton limestone.

\* Fig. 57. Diagram of an *endoceras* (after Hall). *a*, shell-wall; *b*, wall of siphuncle; *c*, diaphragm ("embryo-tubes" of Hall).

† Fig. 58. *Gomphoceras pyriforme*. L. Ludlow rock, Mocktree Hill, Herefordshire. (From Murchison's Silurian Syst. reduced  $\frac{1}{2}$ .) *s*, beaded siphuncle.

*Shell*, like a curved *gompoceras*; siphuncle external.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Silurian, New York.

#### PHRAGMOCERAS, Broderip.

*Etymology*, *phragmos*, a partition, and *ceras*, a horn.

*Type*, *P. ventricosum* (Steininger species), Pl. II., Fig. 15.

*Shell* curved, laterally compressed; *aperture* contracted in the middle; *siphuncle*, ventral, radiated. Example, *P. callistoma*, Bar., Fig. 48.

*Distribution*, 15 species. Lower Silurian—Carb.; Brit., Germany.

#### CYRTOCERAS, Goldf., 1832.

*Etymology*, *curtus*, curved, *ceras*, horn.

*Synonyms*, *Campulites*, Desh., 1832 (including *gyroceras*).

*Aploceras*, D'Orbigny. *Campyloceras* and *trigonoceras*, McCoy. *Gyroceras*, D'Orbigny.

Example, *C. hybridum*, Volborthi, and Beaumonti (Barrande).

*Shell* curved; *siphuncle* small, internal, or sub-central.

*Fossil*, 84 species. Lower Silurian—Carb.; North and South America and Europe.

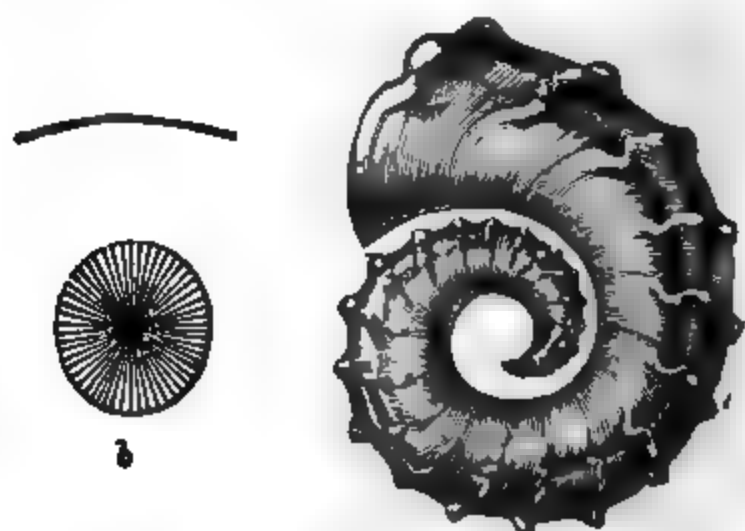


Fig. 59.\*

#### GYROCERAS, Meyer, 1829.

*Etymology*, *gyros*, a circle, and *ceras*.

*Shell*, North America, D'Orbigny.



*Shell* nautiloid ; whorls separate ; siphuncle excentric, radiated.  
*Fossil*, 17 species. Upper Silurian—Trias? North America and Europe.

THORACOCERAS, Fischer, 1844.

*Synonym*, Melia, Fischer (not L.).

*Type*, *T. vestitum*.

*Shell* straight, elongated, conical, with a small lateral straight siphuncle.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Lower Silurian—Carb. United States and Europe.

NOTHOCERAS, Barrande, 1866.

*Shell* nautiloid, slightly involute ; septa slightly arched, without lobes.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Upper Silurian.

### FAMILY III.—AMMONITIDÆ.

*Shell*. *Body-chamber* elongated ; *aperture* guarded by processes, and closed by an operculum ; *sutures* angulated, or lobed and foliated ; *siphuncle* external (dorsal, as regards the shell).

The shell of the *ammonitidæ* has essentially the same structure as that of the nautilus. It consists of an external porcellaneous\* layer, formed by the *collar* of the mantle only and of an internal nacreous lining, deposited by the whole extent of its visceral surface. There is an *ammonite* in the British Museum, evidently broken and repaired during the life of the animal,† which shows that the shell was deposited *from within*. In some species of ammonites the collar of the mantle forms prominent spines on the shell, which are too deep for the visceral mantle to enter ; they are therefore *partitioned off* (as in *A. armatus*, Lias) from the body whorl and air cells, and not exhibited in casts.

The baculites and ammonites of the section *cristati* acquire, when adult, a process projecting from the outer margin of their shell. Certain other ammonites (the *ornati*, *coronati*, &c.) form two *lateral* processes before they cease to grow (Pl. III., Fig. 5). As these processes are often developed in very small specimens, it has been supposed that they are formed repeatedly in the life of the animal (at each periodic rest) and are again removed when growth recommences. These small specimens, however, may be only dwarfs. In one ammonite, from the inferior oolite of Normandy, the ends of these lateral processes meet, “ forming

\* Its microscopic structure has not been satisfactorily examined ; Professor Forbes detected a punctate structure in one species.

† *A. serpentinus*, Schloth, U. Lias, Wellingboro. Rev. A. W. Griestach.

an arch over the aperture and dividing it into two outlets, one corresponding with that above the hood of the nautilus, which gives passage to the dorsal fold of the mantle; the other with that below the hood, whence issue the tentacles, mouth, and funnel; such a modification, we may presume, could not take place before the termination of the growth of the individual."\* (Owen.)

M. D'Orbigny has figured several examples of deformed ammonites, in which one side of the shell is scarcely developed, and the keel is consequently lateral. Such specimens probably indicate the partial atrophy of the branchiae on one side. In the British Museum there are deformed specimens of *A. obtusus*, *amalthæus*, and *tuberculatus*.



Fig. 60.†

### GONIATITES, De Haan.

*Etymology*, *gonia* angles, (should be written *gonialites*?).

*Synonym*, *aganides*, D'Orbigny (not Montf. = *Aturia* *vic-zac*).

*Examples*, *G. Henslowi* (Pl. III., Fig. 1), *G. sphericus* (Figs. 60 and 48).

*Shell* discoidal; sutures lobed; siphuncle dorsal.

*Distribution*, 197 species. Upper Silurian—Trias. Europe.

### RHABDOCERAS, Hauer, 1860.

*Shell* straight, orthoceratoid, with bold sculpture. *Septa* with rounded lobes.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Trias. Germany.

\* This unique and abnormal specimen is in the cabinet of S. P. Pratt, Esq.

† Fig. 60. *Goniatites sphericus*, Sby. Front and side views of a specimen from the carb. limestone of Derbyshire, in the cabinet of Mr. J. Tennant; the body-chamber and shell-wall have been removed artificially.

**BAUTERITES**, Sandberger (=stenoceras, D'Orbigny ?).

Shell straight; sutures lobed.

Type, *B. subconicus*, Söger.

Distribution, 3 species. Devonian, Germany.



Fig. 61.\*

**CERATITES**, De Haan.

Type, *C. nodosus* (Pl. III., Fig. 2).

Shell discoidal; sutures lobed, the lobes crenulated (Fig. 61).

Distribution, 29 species. Devonian—Chalk. Europe, India.

M. D'Orbigny describes five shells from the gault and Upper greensand as *ceratites*; but many ammonites have equally simple sutures, when young.

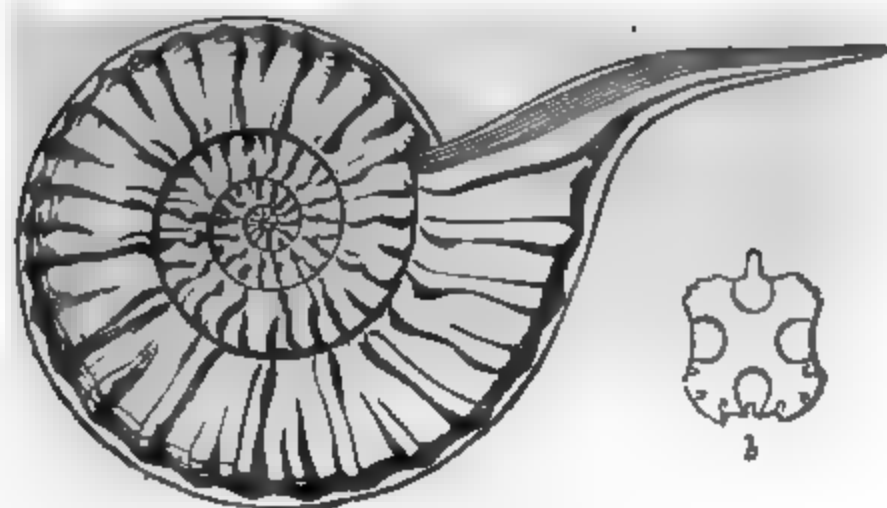


Fig. 62.†

**AMMONITES**, Bruguiere.

*Etymology*, *ammon*, a name of Jupiter, worshipped in Libya under the form of a ram. The ammonite is the *cornu ammonis* of old authors.

*Synonyms*, *Orbulites*, Lam. *Planulites*, Montf.

Shell discoidal; inner whorls more or less concealed; septa undulated; sutures lobed and foliated; siphuncle dorsal.

\* Fig. 61. Suture of *ceratites nodosus* (Brug). The arrow in the dorsal lobe points towards the aperture.

† Fig. 62. *Ammonites rostratus* (Sby.) From the U. greensand of Devizes, in the cabinet of W. Cunningham, Esq. b, front view of one of its partitions.

*Distribution*, about 700 species. Trias—Chalk. Coast of Chili (D'Orbigny), Santa Fé de Bogota (Hopkins), New Jersey, Europe, South India, and New Zealand.

In this, as in almost every case, the figures represent the number of species which have been described, and which generally pass current as species. It is very probable that when all the forms have been thoroughly examined many may turn out to be nothing more than variations of the same species, due to differences of age, &c. Thus, according to Mr. Seeley, the *Ammonites splendens* from the greensand of Cambridge, comprises not only the form so-named, but fourteen others occurring in the same bed, and which have received distinctive specific names; *A. planulatus* is made up of five so-called species. Looked at from this point of view the 700 would be replaced by a much smaller number.

Captain Alexander Gerard discovered ammonites similar to our L. oolitic species, in the high passes of the Himalaya, 16,200 feet above the sea.

#### Section A. *Back with an entire keel.*

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| 1. <i>Arietes</i> ,   | L. oolites, A. bifrons (Pl. III., Fig. 6), bisulcatus (Pl. III., Fig. 7). |
| 2. <i>Falciferi</i> , | L. oolites, A. serpentinus, radians, hecticus.                            |
| 3. <i>Cristati</i> ,  | cretaceous, A. cristatus, rostratus (Fig. 62), varians.                   |

#### B. *Back crenated.*

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| 4. <i>Amalthei</i> ,      | ool.  | A. amaltheus, cordatus, excavatus.                                   |
| 5. <i>Rothomagenses</i> , | cret. | A. rothomagensis, from <i>Rothomagus</i> , Rouen (Pl. III., Fig. 4). |

#### C. *Back sharp.*

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| 6. <i>Disci</i> , | oolitic, | A. discus, clypeiformis. |
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#### D. *Back channelled.*

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| 7. <i>Dentati</i> , | { | cret. | A. dentatus, lautus.        |
|                     |   | ool.  | A. Parkinsoni, anguliferus. |

#### E. *Back squared.*

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| 8. <i>Armati</i> ,     | L. ool. | A. armatus, athletus, perarmatus.        |
| 9. <i>Capricorni</i> , | L. ool. | A. capricornus, planicostatus.           |
| 10. <i>Ornati</i> ,    | ool.    | A. Duncani, spinosus (Pl. III., Fig. 5). |



P. Back round, convex.

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| 11. <i>Heterophylli</i> , | L. ool. | <i>A. heterophyllus</i> (Fig. 41).       |
| 12. <i>Ligati</i> ,       | crat.   | <i>A. planulatus</i> (Pl. III., Fig. 3). |

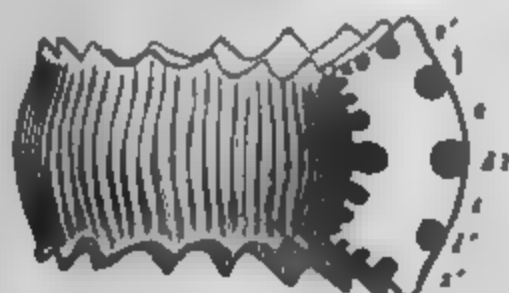


Fig. 63. *Ammonites coronatus*.\*

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| 13. <i>Annulati</i> ,  | ool. | <i>A. annulatus</i> , <i>biplex</i> , <i>giganteus</i> .   |
| 14. <i>Coronati</i> ,  | ool. | <i>A. coronatus</i> (Fig. 63), <i>sublaevis</i> .          |
| 15. <i>Fimbriati</i> ,   | ool. | <i>A. fimbriatus</i> , <i>lineatus</i> , <i>hircinus</i> . |
| 16. <i>Cassiani</i> , 36 species of very variable form, and remarkable for the number and complexity of their lobes. Trias, Austrian Alps. |      |  |

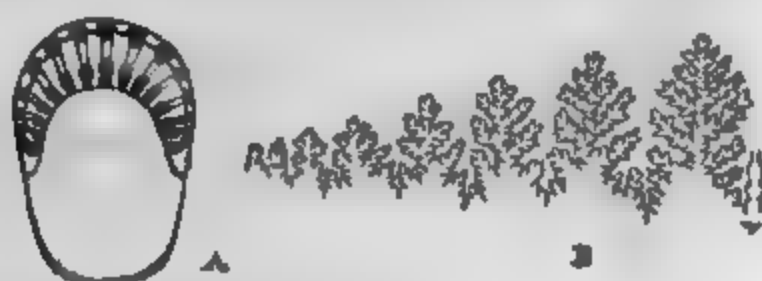


Fig. 64.†

Examples, *A. Maximiliani* (Fig. 64), *A. Metternichii*.

### CERIOCEBAS, Leveille.

*Etymology*, *krios*, a ram, and *ceras*, a horn.

*Synonym*, *Tropaeum*, Sby.

*Example*, *C. cristatum*, D'Orbigny (Pl. III., Fig. 8).

*Shell* discoidal; whorls separate.

*Distribution*, 13 species. Neocomian — Upper greensand. Britain, France.

\* Fig. 63. Profile of *Ammonites coronatus* (Brug.). (Reduced  $\frac{1}{4}$  from D'Orbigny.) Kelloway Rock, France. *d l*, dorsal lobe; *s s*, dorsal saddles; *f f* lateral lobes; *s' s'*, lateral saddles; accessory and ventral lobes. The number of accessory lobes increases with age.

† Fig. 64. *Am. Maximiliani*, Klipstein. (= *A. bicarinatus*, Milnet.) Trias, Hallstätt (copied from Quenstedt). A, profile, showing the numerous lobes and saddles; B, suture of one side; *v*, dorsal saddle.

**TOXOCERAS, D'Orbigny.**

*Etymology*, *toxon*, a bow, *ceras*, a horn.

*Example*, *T. annulare*, D'Orbigny (Pl. III., Fig. 12).

*Shell* bow-shaped; like an ammonite uncoiled.

*Distribution*, 20 species. Neocomian. Between this and *crioceras* and *ancyloceras* there are numerous intermediate forms.

**ANCYLOCERAS, D'Orbigny.**

*Etymology*, *anculos*, incurved.

*Synonym*, *Anisoceras*, Pictet.

*Example*, *A. spinigerum* (Pl. III., Fig. 10).

*Shell* at first discoidal, with separate whorls; afterwards produced at a tangent and bent back again, like a hook or crozier.

*Distribution*, 38 species. Inferior oolite—chalk. South America (Chili and Bogota), Europe.

**SCAPHITES, Parkinson.**

*Etymology*, *scaphe*, a boat.

*Example*, *S. equalis* (Pl. III., Fig. 9).

*Shell* at first discoidal, with close whorls; last chamber detached and recurved.

*Distribution*, 19 species. Oolite—Chalk. Europe, India.

**HELIOOCERAS, D'Orbigny.**

*Etymology*, *helix* (*helicos*), a spiral, and *ceras*, a horn.

*Example*, *H. rotundum*, Sby. species (Pl. III., Fig. 11—diagram).

*Shell* spiral, sinistral; whorls separate.

*Distribution*, 11 species. Inferior oolite?—Chalk. Europe, India.

**TURRILITES, Lam.**

*Etymology*, *turris*, a tower, and *lithos*, a stone.

*Shell* spiral, sinistral; aperture often irregular.

*Distribution*, 37 species. Gault—Chalk. Europe.

The turrilite was perhaps *dibranchiate* by the atrophy of the respiratory organs of one side. M. D'Orbigny includes in this genus particular specimens of certain *Lias ammonites* which are

**HAMITES, Parkinson.**

*Etymology*, *hamus*, a hook.

*Example*, *H. attenuatus* (Pl. III., Fig. 15).

Shell hook-shaped, or bent upon itself more than once, the courses separate.

*Distribution*, 58 species. Neocomian—Chalk. South America (Tierra del Fuego), Europe, India.

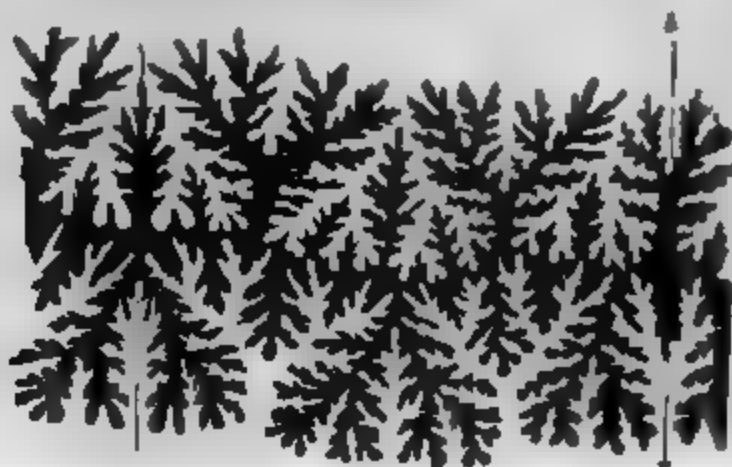


Fig. 65. Sutures of *Hamites cyliodreus*, Desf.\*

The inner courses of this shell probably break away, or are "decolated," in the progress of its growth. (Forbes.) M. D'Orbigny has proposed a new genus, *Homulites*, for the twenty neocomian species.

**PTYCHOCERAS, D'Orbigny.**

*Etymology*, *ptyche*, a fold.

*Example*, *P. emericianum*, D'Orbigny (Pl. III., Fig. 14).

Shell bent once upon itself; the two straight portions in contact.

*Distribution*, 8 species. Neocomian—Chalk. Britain, France, India.

**BACULITES, Lamarck.**

*Etymology*, *baculus*, a staff.

*Example*, *B. anceps* (Pl. III., Fig. 13).

Shell straight, elongated; aperture guarded by a dorsal process.

*Distribution*, 17 species. Neocomian—Chalk. Europe, South America (Chili), India.

*Baculina*, D'Orbigny, 2 species. *B. Ronyana*. Neocomian. France. Sutures not foliated.

The chalk of Normandy has received the name of *baculite limestone*, from the abundance of this fossil.

\* Fig. 65. Space between two consecutive sutures of the right side, from a specimen in the British Museum. a, dorsal line; b, ventral. Baculite limestone, Frezeville.

## CHAPTER II.

## CLASS II.—GASTEROPODA.

The gasteropods, including land-snails, sea-snails, whelks, limpets, and the like, are the types of the *mollusca*; that is to say, they present all the leading features of molluscos organisation in the most prominent degree, and make less approach to the appearance and condition of fishes than the cephalopods, and less to the crustaceans and zoophytes than the bivalves.

Their ordinary and characteristic mode of locomotion is exemplified by the common garden-snail, which creeps by the successive expansion and contraction of its broad muscular foot. These muscular movements may be seen following each other in rapid waves when a snail is climbing a pane of glass.

The *nucleobranchs* are “aberrant” gasteropods, having the foot thin and vertical; they swim near the surface of the sea in a reversed position, or adhere to floating sea-weed.

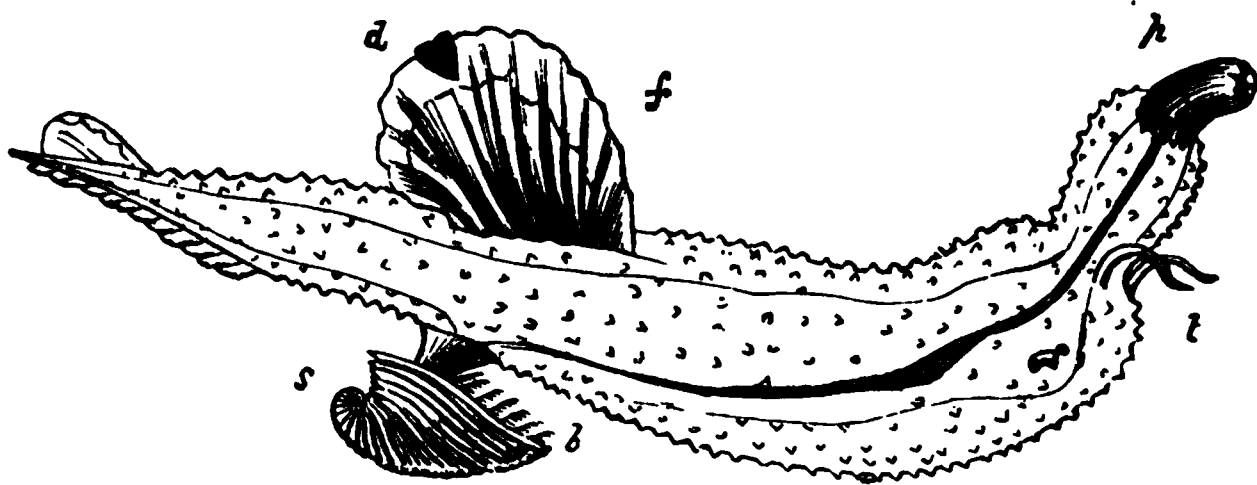


Fig. 66. A *nucleobranch*.\*

The gasteropods are nearly all unsymmetrical, the body being coiled up spirally, and the respiratory organs of the left side being usually atrophied. In *chiton* and *dentalium* the *branchiae* and reproductive organs are repeated on each side.

A few species of *cymba*, *littorina*, *paludina*, and *helix*, are viviparous; the rest are oviparous.

When first hatched the young are always provided with a shell, though in many families it becomes concealed by a fold of the mantle, or it is speedily and wholly lost.†

The gasteropods form two natural groups; one breathing air

\* Fig. 66. *Carinaria cymbium*, Desh. = *C. cristata*, L. sp. (after Blainville), Mediterranean. *p*, proboscis; *t*, tentacles; *b*, branchiae; *s*, shell; *f*, foot; *d*, disk.

† *M. Lovén* believes that the embryo shell of the nudibranchs falls off at the time they acquire a locomotive foot.

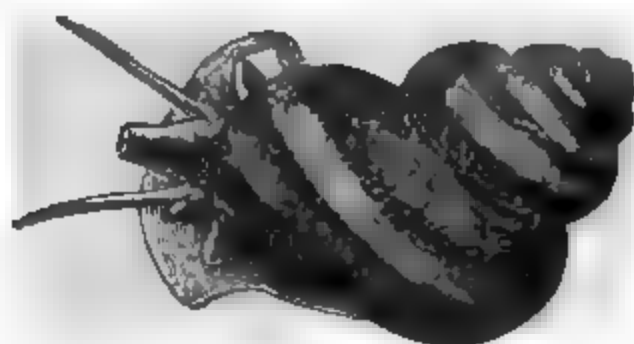
*monifera*), the other water (*branchifera*). The water-breathers at first a small nautiloid shell, capable of concealing themselves, and closed by an operculum. Instead of creeping, they swim with a pair of ciliated fins springing from the sides of the head; and by this means are often more widely dispersed than we should be led to expect from their adult habits; thus some sedentary species of *calyptraea* and *chiton* have a greater range than the "paper-sailor," or the ever-drifting oceanic-snail.

At this stage, which may fairly be compared with the larval condition of insects, there is scarcely any difference between the young of *ecolis* and *aplysia*, or *buccinum* and *vermetus*. (M. Edwards.)

The development of the branchiferous gasteropods may be observed with much facility in the common river-snails (*paludina*); which are viviparous, and whose oviducts in early summer contain young in all stages of growth, some being a quarter of an inch in diameter.



Fig. 67.\*

Fig. 68. *Paludina vivipara*.†

Embryos scarcely visible to the naked eye have a well-formed shell, ornamented with epidermal fringes; a foot and operculum; and the head has long delicate tentacula, and very distinct black eyes.

The development of the pulmoniferous embryo is best seen in the transparent eggs of the fresh-water limneids; these are not hatched until the young have passed the larval condition, and their ciliated head-lobes (or veil) are superseded by the creeping disk, or foot.

\* Fig. 67. Fry of *Ecolis* (from Alder and Hancock). o, the operculum; the original is not larger than the letter o.

† Fig. 68. *Paludina vivipara*, L. (original); the internal organs are represented as if seen through the shell. The ovary, distended with eggs and embryos, occupies the right side of the body whorl; the gill is seen on the left; and between them the termination of the alimentary canal. Surrey Docks, June, 1850.

The development of the air-breathers goes on within the shell, and has been traced by Van Beneden, Gegenbaur, and others in *Limax*, *Veronicella*, *Vitrina*, *Bulimus*, and *Helix*.

The *shell* of the gasteropods is usually *spiral*, and *univalve*; more rarely *tubular*, or *conical*, and in one genus it is *multivalve*. The following are its principal modifications:—

- A. Regularly spiral,
  - a. elongated or turreted; *terebra*, *turritella*.
  - b. cylindrical; *megaspira*, *pupa*.
  - c. short; *buccinum*.
  - d. globular; *natica*, *helix*.
  - e. depressed; *solarium*.
  - f. discoidal; *planorbis*.
  - g. convolute; aperture as long as the shell; *cypræa*, *bulla*.
  - h. fusiform; tapering to each end, like *fusus*.
  - i. trochiform; conical, with a flat base, like *trochus*.
  - k. turbinated; conical, with a round base, like *turbo*.
  - l. few-whorled; *Helix hamustoma*. Pl. XII., Fig. 1.
  - m. many-whorled; *Helix polygyrata*. Pl. XII., Fig. 2.
  - n. ear-shaped; *haliotis*.
- B. Irregularly spiral; *siliquaria*, *vermetus*.
- C. Tubular; *dentalium*.
- D. Shield-shaped; *umbrella*, *parmophorus*.
- E. Boat-shaped; *navicella*.
- F. Conical or limpet-shaped; *patella*.
- G. Multivalve and imbricated; *chiton*.

The only symmetrical shells are those of *carinaria*, *atlanta*, *dentalium*, and the limpets.\*

Nearly all the spiral shells are *dextral*, or right-handed; a few are constantly *sinistral*, like *clausilia*; reversed varieties of many shells, both dextral and sinistral, have been met with.

The cavity of the shell is a single conical or spiral chamber; no gasteropod has a multilocular shell like the nautilus, but spurious chambers are formed by particular species, such as *Triton corrugatus* (Fig. 69), and *Euomphalus pentangulatus*; or under special circumstances, as when the upper part of the spire is destroyed.

Some spiral shells are complete tubes, with the whorls sepa-



but more commonly the inner side of the spiral tube is formed by the pre-existing whorls (Fig. 69).

The axis of the shell, around which the whorls are coiled, is sometimes open or hollow; in which case the shell is said to be perforated, or *umbilicated* (e.g. *solarium*). The perforation may be a mere chink, or fissure (*rima*), as in *lacuna*; or it may be filled up by a shelly deposit, as in many *naticæ*. In other shells, like the *triton*, the whorls are closely coiled, leaving only a pillar of shell, or *columella*, in the centre; such shells are said to be *imperforate*.

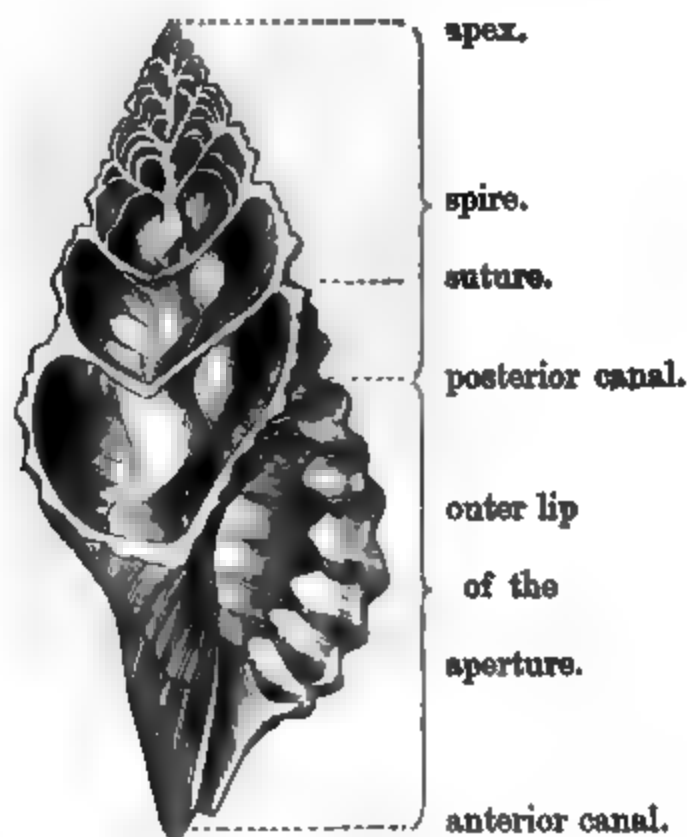


Fig. 69. Section of a spiral univalve.\*

The *apex* of the shell presents important characters, as it was the *nucleus* or part formed in the egg; it is *sinistral* in the *pyramidellidæ*, *oblique* and *spiral* in the *nucleobranchæ* and *emarginulæ*, and *mammillated* in *Turbinella pyrum* and *Fusus antiquus*.

The *apex* is directed *backwards* in all except some of the *patellidæ*, in which it is turned *forwards*, over the animal's head.

\* Fig. 69. Longitudinal section of *Triton corrugatus*, Lam., from a specimen in the cabinet of Mr. Gray. The upper part of the spire has been partitioned off many times successively.

In the adult condition of some shells the apex is always truncated (or *decollated*) as in *cylindrella* and *Bulimus decollatus*; in others it is only truncated when the animals have lived in acidulous waters (e.g. *cerithidea* and *pirena*), and specimens may be obtained from more favourable situations with the points perfect.

The line of channel formed by the junction of the whorls is termed the *suture*.

The last turn of the shell, or *body-whorl*, is usually very capacious; in the females of some species the whorls enlarge more rapidly than in the males (e.g. *Buccinum undatum*). The "base" of the shell is the opposite end to the apex, and is usually the front of the aperture.

The *aperture* is *entire* in most of the vegetable feeders (*holostomata*), but notched or produced into a *canal*, in the carnivorous families (*siphonostomata*); this canal, or siphon, is respiratory in its office, and does not necessarily indicate the nature of the food. Sometimes there is a posterior channel or canal, which is excurrent, or anal, in its function (e.g. *strombidae* and *ovulum volva*); it is represented by the slit in *scissurella*, the tube of *typhis*, the perforation in *fissurella*, and the series of holes in *haliotis*.

The margin of the aperture is termed the *peristome*; sometimes it is continuous (*cyclostoma*), or becomes continuous in the adult (*caracolla*); very frequently it is "interrupted," the left side of the aperture being formed only by the body-whorl. The right side of the aperture is formed by the outer lip (*labrum*), the left side by the inner or columellar lip (*labium*), or partly by the body-whorl (termed the "wall of the aperture," by Pfeiffer).

The outer lip is usually thin and sharp in immature shells, and in some adults (e.g. *helicella* and *bulimulus*); but more frequently it is thickened; or reflected; or curled inwards (*inflected*), as in *cypræa*; or expanded, as in *pteroceas*; or fringed with spines, as in *muræx*. When these fringes or expansions of the outer lip are formed periodically, they are termed *varices*.

Lines of colour, or sculpture, running from the apex to the aperture are spiral or longitudinal, and others which coincide with the lines of growth are "transverse," as regards the whorls;



mantle-lobes when the animal expands, acquire a glazed or enamelled surface, like the cowries; when the shell is deeply immersed in the foot of the animal it becomes partly glazed, as in *cymba*. In all other shells there is an epidermis, although it is sometimes very thin and transparent.

In the interior of the shell the muscular impression is horse-shoe shaped, or divided into two scars; the horns of the crescent are turned towards the head of the animal.

The *operculum* with which many of the gasteropods close the aperture of their shells, presents modifications of structure which are so characteristic of the sub-genera as to be worthy of particular notice. It consists of a horny layer, sometimes strengthened by the addition of calcareous matter on its exterior, and in its mode of growth it presents some resemblance to the shell itself. Its inner surface is marked by a muscular scar, whose lines bear no relation to the external lines of growth, and its form is unlike the muscular scar in the shell. It is developed in the embryo, within the egg, and the point from which it commences is termed the nucleus; many of the spiral and concentric forms fit the aperture of the shell with accuracy, the others only close the entrance partially, and in many genera, especially those with large apertures (e.g. *dolium*, *cassidaria*, *harpa*, *navicella*), it is quite rudimentary or obsolete.



Fig. 70.

Fig. 71.

Fig. 72.

Fig. 73.

Fig. 74.

The operculum is described as—

*Concentric*, when it increases equally all round, and the nucleus is central or sub-central, as in *paludina* and *ampullaria* (Pl. IX., Fig. 26).

*Imbricated*, or lamellar (Fig. 71), when it grows only on one side, and the nucleus is marginal, as in *purpura*, *phorus*, and *paludomus*.

*Claw-shaped*, or unguiculate (Fig. 70), with the nucleus apical or in front, as in *turbinella* and *fusus*; it is claw-shaped and serrated in *strombus* (Fig. 76).

*Spiral*, when it grows only on one edge, and revolves as it grows; it is always *sinistral* in dextral shells.

*Paucispiral*, or few-whorled (Fig. 73), as in *littorina*.

*Sub-spiral*, or scarcely spiral, in *melania* (Pl. VIII., Fig. 25\*).

*Multispiral*, or many-whorled (Fig. 72), as in *trochus*, where they sometimes amount to twenty; the number of turns which the operculum makes is not determined by the number of whorls in the shell, but by the curvature of the opening, and the necessity that the operculum should revolve fast enough to fit it constantly. (Moseley.)

It is said to be *articulated* when it has a projection, as in *nerita* (Fig. 74).

Too much importance, however, must not be attached to this very variable plate, as an aid to classification; it is present in some species of *voluta*, *oliva*, *conus*, *mitra*, and *cancellaria*, but absent in others; it is (indifferently) horny or shelly in the species of *ampullaria* and *natica*; in *paludina* it is concentric, in *paludomus* lamellar, in *valvata* spiral; in *solarium* and *cerithium*, it is *multispiral* or *paucispiral*.

The researches of Dr. Lovén\* have led to many attempts being made to remodel the arrangement of the *Gasteropoda* by the aid of peculiarities in their dentition. Whatever improvements may be thus obtained, it does not appear desirable to introduce a new terminology for divisions long since well established, and already over-burdened with *classical* names.†

The patterns, or *types* of lingual dentition, are on the whole remarkably constant; but their *systematic value* is not uniform. It must be remembered that the teeth are essentially *epithelian cells*, and like other superficial organs liable to be modified in accordance with the wants and habits of the creatures. The instruments with which animals obtain their food are of all others most subject to these *adaptive* modifications, and can never form the *basis* of a philosophical system.‡

\* Öfversigt af Kongl. Vetensk. Akad. Förhandl. 1847.

† The following names were proposed by Troschel (in Wiegman's *Handbuch der Zoologie*, 1848) and Gray (An. Nat. Hist.) for the principal types of lingual dentition:—

a. *Teniglossa*, teeth 3. 1. 3; *Littorina*, *Natica*, *Triton*.

b. *Toxoglossa*, teeth 1. 0. 1; *Conus*, *Terebra*?

c. *Hamiglossa*, teeth 1. 1. 1; *Murex*, *Buccinum*.

d. *Rachiglossa*, teeth 0. 1. 0; *Voluta*, *Mitra*?

e. *Gymnoglossa*, teeth 0; *Pyramidella*, *Cancellaria*, *Solarium*?

f. *Rhipidoglossa*, teeth 00, 1. 00; *Nerita*, *Trochus*.

‡ The arrangement of the teeth being adapted for eating flesh, but are not on that

Some of the gasteropoda can suspend themselves by glutinous threads, like *litiope* and *Rissoa porra*, which anchor themselves to sea-weeds (Gray), and *cerithiidae* (Fig. 75), which frequently leaves its proper element, and is found hanging in the air. (Adams.) A West India land-snail (*cyclostoma suspensum*) also suspends itself. (Guilding.) The origin of these threads has not been explained; but some of the limaces lower themselves to the ground by a thread which is not secreted by any particular gland, but derived from the exudation over the general surface of the body. (Lister, D'Orbigny.)



Fig. 75.

The division of this extensive class into orders and families has engaged the attention of many naturalists, and a variety of methods have been proposed. Cuvier's classification was the first that possessed much merit, and several of his orders have since been united with advantage.

## System of Cuvier.

## System now adopted.

## Class. GASTEROPODA.

## Order 1. Pectinibranchiata

## 2. Scutibranchiata

## 3. Cyclobranchiata

## 4. Tubulibranchiata

## 5. Pulmonata

## 6. Tectibranchiata

## 7. Inferibranchiata

## 8. Nudibranchiata.

Ord. Prosobranchiata, M. Edw.

Ord. Pulmonifera.

Ord. Opisthobranchiata, M. Edw.

## Class. HETEROPODA.

Ord. Nucleobranchiata, Bl.

## ORDER I. PROSOBRANCHIATA.

*Abdomen* well developed and protected by a shell, into which the whole animal can usually retire. *Mantle* forming a vaulted chamber over the back of the head, in which are placed the excretory orifices, and in which the branchiae are almost always lodged. *Branchiae* pectinated, or plume-like, situated (*proson*) in advance of the heart. *Sexes* distinct. (M. Edwards.)

## SECTION A. SIPHONOSTOMATA. Carnivorous Gasteropods.

*Shell* spiral, usually imperforate; aperture notched or produced into a canal in front. *Operculum* horny, lamellar,

*Animal* provided with a retractile proboscis; eye-pedicals connate with the tentacles; margin of the mantle prolonged into a siphon, by which water is conveyed into the branchial chamber; gills one or two, comb-like, placed obliquely over the back. Species all marine.

#### FAMILY I.—STROMBIDÆ. Wing-shells.

*Shell* with an expanded lip, deeply notched near the canal. Operculum claw-shaped, serrated on the outer edge.

*Animal* furnished with large eyes, placed on thick pedicels; tentacles slender, rising from the middle of the eye-pedicels. Foot narrow, ill-adapted for creeping. Lingual teeth single; uncini, three on each side.

The strombs are carrion feeders, and, for molluscons animals, very active; they progress by a sort of leaping movement, turning their heavy shell from side to side. Their eyes are more perfect than those of the other gasteropods, or of many fishes.

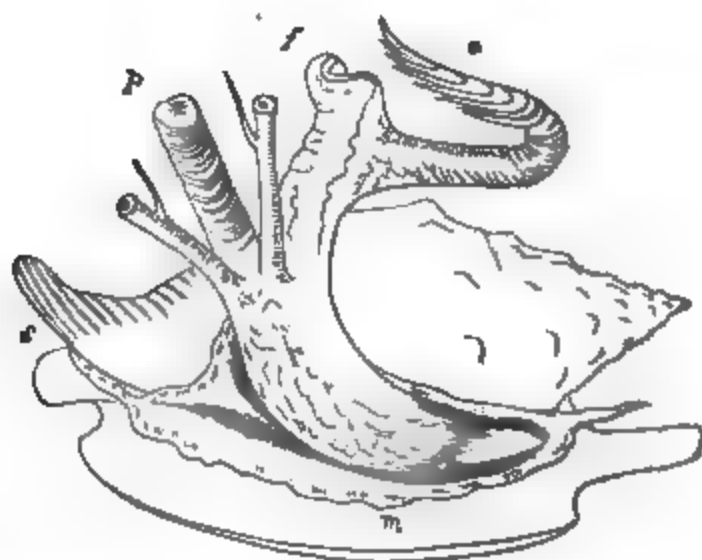


Fig. 76.\*

#### STROMBUS, L. Stromb.

*Etymology*, *strombos*, a top.

*Type*, *S. pugilis* (Pl. IV., Fig. 1).

*Shell* rather ventricose, tubercular or spiny; spire short;

the anterior canal. Lingual teeth (*S. floridus*) 7 cusped; uncini, 1 tri-dentate, 2, 3 claw-shaped, simple (Fig. 77).\*



Fig. 77. *Strombus*. (Wilton).

*Strombus* (*floridus*) is described by Lovén as having a non-retractile, produced muzzle, like *Aporrhais*. *S. gibberulus* is represented by Dr. Bergh with all the uncini denticulated.

*Distribution*, 65 species. West Indies, Mediterranean, Red Sea, India, Mauritius, China, New Zealand, Pacific, West America. On reefs, at low water, and ranging to 10 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 5 cretaceous species; 3 species Miocene—. South Europe. There is a group of small shells in the eocene tertiary strata of England and France, nearly related to the living *S. fissurellus*, L., some of which have been placed with *rostellaria*, because the notch in the outer lip is small or obsolete. They probably constitute a sub-genus, to which the name *Rimella* Ag., might be applied. *Example*, *S. Bartonensis*. Pl. IV., Fig. 2.

The fountain-shell of the West Indies, *S. gigas*, L., is one of the largest living shells, weighing sometimes four or five pounds; its apex and spines are filled up with solid shell as it becomes old. Immense quantities are annually imported from the Bahamas for the manufacture of cameos, and for the porcelain works; 300,000 were brought to Liverpool alone in the year 1850. (Mr. Archer.)

#### PTEROCEBAS, Lam. Scorpion shell.

*Etymology*, *pteron*, a wing, and *ceras*, a horn.

*Type*, *P. lambis*. Pl. IV., Fig. 3.

*Shell* like *strombus* when young; outer lip of the adult produced into several long claws, one of them close to the spire, and forming a posterior canal.

*Distribution*, 12 species. India, China.

\* The lingual dentition of *strombus* resembles that of *aporrhais*, and is unlike that of the whelks; but it is more probable that *aporrhais* is the representative of *strombus* than that it is very closely allied.

*Fossil*, nearly 100 species are enumerated by D'Orbigny, ranging from the lias to the upper chalk; many of them are more nearly related to *aporrhaïs* (*cerithiadae*).

### ROSTELLARIA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *rostellum*, a little beak.

*Synonym*, *Fusus*, Humphreys.

*Example*, *R. curta*. Pl. IV., Fig. 4.

*Shell* with an elongated spire; whorls numerous, flat; canals long, the posterior one running up the spire; outer lip more or less expanded, with only one sinus, and that close to the beak.

*Distribution*, 8 species. Red Sea, India, Borneo, China.

*Range*, 30 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 80 species. Neocomian—chalk (= *aporrhaïs*?). 6 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, &c.

The old tertiary species have the outer lip enormously expanded, and smooth-edged; they constitute the section *hippochrenes* of Montfort (e.g., *Rost. ampla*, Solander. London clay).

*Sub-genus*? *Spinigera*, D'Orbigny. 1847. Shell like *rostellaria*; whorls keeled; keel developed into a slender spine on the outer lip, and two on each whorl, forming lateral fringes, as in *ranella*. Fossil, 5 species. Inf. oolite—chalk. Britain, France.

### SERAPHS, Montfort. (*Terebellum*, Lam.)

*Etymology*, diminutive of *terebra*, an auger.

*Shell* smooth, sub-cylindrical; spire short or none; aperture long and narrow, truncated below; outer lip thin.

*Distribution*, 1 species. China. Philippines, 8 fathoms. (Cuming.)

*Fossil*, 5 species. Eocene—. London, Paris.

The animal of *terebellum* has an operculum like *strombus*; its eye-pedicels are simple, without tentacles. (Adams.) In one fossil species, *T. fusiforme*, there is a short posterior canal, as in *rostellaria*.

### FAMILY II.—MURICIDÆ.

*Shell* with a straight anterior canal; aperture entire behind.

*Animal* with a broad foot; eyes sessile on the tentacles, or at their base; branchial plumes two. *Lingual ribbon* long, linear; *rachis* armed with a single series of dentated teeth; *uncini*, single. Predatory on other mollusca. The two species belonging to the genus *Cheletropis*, Forbes = *Sinusigera*, D'Orbigny,

are now known to have no affinity with the Atlantidæ, but to be the larva form of species belonging to the Muricidæ.



Fig. 78. *Murex tenuispina*. (Wilton.)

### MUREX (Pliny), L.

*Types*, *M. palma-rosea*, Pl. IV., Fig. 10. *M. tenuispina*, Pl. IV., Fig. 9. *M. haustellum*, Pl. IV., Fig. 8. *M. radix*, pinnatus.

*Shell* ornamented with three or more continuous longitudinal varices; aperture rounded; beak often very long; canal partly closed; operculum concentric, nucleus sup-apical (Pl. IV., Fig. 10); lingual dentition (*M. erinaceus*), teeth single, three rooted; uncini single, curved. For dentition of *M. tenuispina* see Fig. 78.

*Distribution*, 220 species. World-wide; most abundant on the West Coast of tropical America, in the Chinese Sea, West Coast of Africa, West Indies; ranging from low water to 26 fathoms, rarely at 60 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 164 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, Java, &c.

A few of the species usually referred to this genus belong to *pisania* and *trophon*.

The murices appear to form only one-third of a whorl annually, ending in a *varix*; some species form intermediate varices of less extent. *M. erinaceus*, a very abundant species on the coasts of the channel, is called "sting-winkle" by fishermen, who say it makes round holes in the other shell-fish with its beak. (See p. 21.) The ancients obtained their purple dye from species of *murex*; the small shells were bruised in mortars, the animals of the larger ones taken out. (F. Col.) Heaps of broken shells of the *M. trunculus* and caldron-shaped holes in the rocks may still be seen on the Tyrian shore. (Wilds.) On the coast of the Morea there is similar evidence of the employment of *M. brandaris* for the same purpose. (M. Boblaye.)

### TYPHIS, Montfort.

*Etymology*, *typhos*, smoke.

*Type*, *T. pungens*. Pl. IV., Fig. 11.

*Shell* like *murex*; but having tubular spines between the varices, of which the last is open, and occupied by the excurrent canal.

*Distribution*, 9 species. Mediterranean, West Africa, Cape, India, Western America. —50 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 8 species. Eocene—. London, Paris.

### PISANIA, Bivon, 1832.

*Etymology*, a native of (the coast near) *Pisa*, in Tuscany.

*Synonyms*, *Polia*, *Enzina*, and *Euthria* (Gray).

*Types*, *P. maculosa*. Pl. IV., Fig. 14 (*Enzina*), *zonata*. Pl. IV., Fig. 15.

*Shell* with numerous indistinct varices, or smooth and spirally striated; canal short; inner lip wrinkled; outer lip crenulated. *Operculum* ovate, acute; nucleus apical.

The *pisanice* have been usually confounded with *buccinum*, *murex*, and *ricinula*.

*Distribution*, about 120 species. West Indies, Africa, India, Philippines, South Seas, Western America.

*Fossil*, ? species. Eocene—Britain, France, &c.

### RANELLA, Lam. Frog-shell.

*Synonym*, *Apollon* (Montfort and Gray).

*Types*, *R. granifera*. Pl. IV., Fig. 12. *R. spinosa*.

*Shell* with two rows of continuous varices, one on each side.

*Operculum* ovate, nucleus lateral.

*Distribution*, 58 species. Mediterranean, Cape, India, China, Australia, Pacific, Western America. *Range*, low-water to 20 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 23 species. Eocene—.

### TRITON, Lam.

*Etymology*, *Triton*, a sea-deity.

*Synonym*, *Persona* (Montfort, Gray).

*Type*, *T. tritonis*, L. species. Pl. IV., Fig. 13.

*Shell* with disconnected varices; canal prominent; lips denticulated.

*Operculum* ovate, sub-concentric.

*Distribution*, 100 species. West Indies, Mediterranean, Africa, India, China, Pacific, Western America. Ranging from



low water to 10 or 20 fathoms; one minute species has been dredged at 50 fathoms.

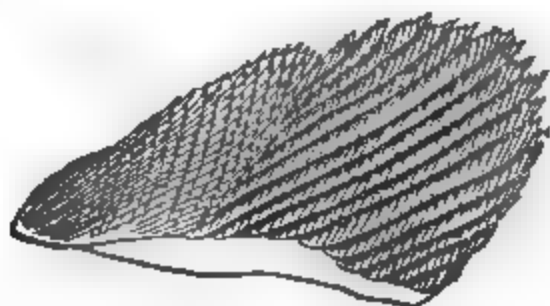


Fig. 79. One of the buccal plates of *Triton*,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Q. (Wilton.)

Fossil, 45 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, &c. Chili.

The great triton (*T. tritonis*) is the conch b'own by the Australian and Polynesian Islanders. A very similar species (*T. nodiferus*) is found in the Medi erranean, and a third in the

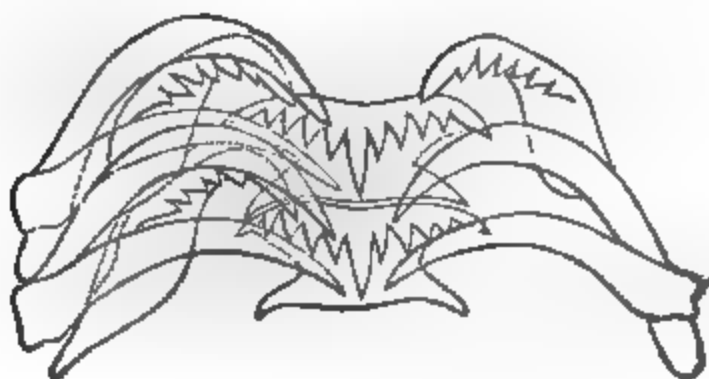


Fig. 80. Teeth of *Triton*,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Q. (Wilton.)

West Indies. The buccal plates and teeth of *Triton* are shown in Figs. 79, 80.

#### FASCIOLARIA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *fasciola*, a band.

*Type*, *F. tulipa*. Pl. V., Fig. 1.

*Shell* fusiform, elongated; whorls round or angular; canal open; columellar lip tortuous, with several oblique folds. Operculum claw-shaped. *F. gigantea* of the South Seas attains a length of nearly two feet. The teeth of *Fasciolaria* resemble those of *Fusus Islandicus*. In *Buccinum undatum*, the median tooth has five, or rarely six denticles; and Mr. Wilton



Fig. 81. *Fasciolaria Tarentina*. (Wilton.)

has observed that *B. limbosum*, ♂ has the teeth seven cusped, while in the females they are six cusped.

*Distribution*, 108 species. West Indies, Mediterranean, West Africa, India, Australia, South Pacific, Western America.

*Fossil*, 30 species, U. chalk—. France.

### TURBINELLA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *turbo*, a top.

*Type*, *T. pyrum*. Pl. V., Fig. 2.

*Shell* thick; spire short; columella with several transverse folds. Operculum claw-shaped. Fig. 70. The chank-shell (*T. pyrum*) is carved by the Cingalese, and reversed varieties of it, from which the priests administer medicine, are held sacred.

*Distribution*, 70 species. West Indies, South America, Africa, Ceylon, Philippines, Pacific, Western America.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Miocene—.

*Sub-genera*, *Cynodonta* (Schum.), *T. cornigera*. Pl. V., Fig. 3.

*Latirus* (Montfort), *T. gilbula*. Pl. V., Fig. 4.

*Lagena* (Schum.), *T. Smaragdula*, L. species. Northern Australia.

### CANCELLARIA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *cancellatus*, cross-barred.

*Type*, *C. reticulata*. Pl. V., Fig. 5.

*Shell* cancellated; aperture channelled in front; columella with several strong oblique folds; no operculum. The animals are vegetable feeders. (Desh.)\*

*Distribution*, 71 species. West Indies, Mediterranean, West Africa, India, China, California.

*Fossil*, 60 species. Up. Chalk—. Britain, France, &c.

*Admete* (*viridula*) is a boreal form of *Cancellaria*, without plaits.

### DIBAPHUS, Phi.

*Synonym*, *conohelix edentulus*. (Sw.) *Shell* subcylindrical, spire acute; aperture narrow, linear, edentulous, excised at the base; lip thickened, rectilinear, rounded and abbreviated below.

### TRICHOTROPIS, Broderip, 1829.

*Etymology*, *Thrix* (*trichos*), hair, and *tropis*, keel.

*Type*, *T. borealis*, Pl. VI., Fig. 8. (= ? *Admete*, Phil., no operculum).

\* *Cancellaria* and *trichotropis* form a small natural family connected with *cerithiidae* and *strombidae*.

*Shell* thin, umbilicated; spirally furrowed; the ridges with epidermal fringes; columella obliquely truncated; operculum lamellar, nucleus external.

*Animal* with a short broad head; tentacles distant, with eyes on the middle; proboscis long, retractile.

*Lingual dentition* similar to *velutina*; *teeth* single, hamate, denticulated; *uncini* 3: 1 denticulate, 2 and 3 simple (Fig. 82).

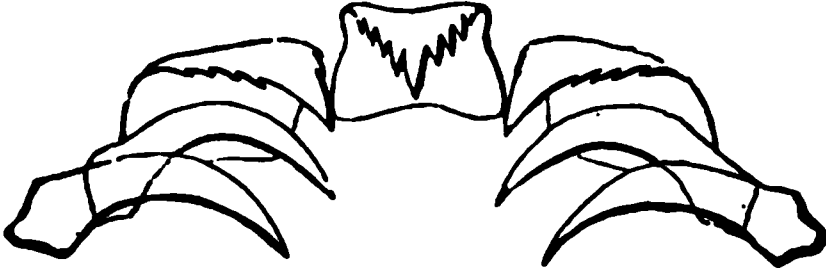


Fig. 82. *Trichotropis borealis*. (Warrington).

Lovén places *Trichotropis* in the same family with *Velutina*; *Cancellaria* is very closely allied, though it wants both teeth and operculum. Mr. Couthouy describes *Trichotropis cancellata* as having a muzzle like *Littorina*.

*Distribution*, 14 species. Northern seas. United States, Greenland, Melville Island, Behring's Straits, North Britain. 15—80 fathoms. 1 species from Japanese seas (A. Adams).

*Fossil*, 1 species. Miocene—. Britain.

#### PYRULA, Lam. Fig-shell.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *pyrus*, a pear.

*Synonyms*, *Ficula*, Sw. *Sycotypus*, Br., *Cassidula*, Humph. *Cochlidium*, Gray.

*Type*, *P. ficus*. Pl. V., Fig. 6.

*Shell* pear-shaped; spire short; outer lip thin; columella smooth; canal long, open. No operculum in the typical species.

*Distribution*, 39 species. West Indies, Ceylon, Australia, China, Western America.

*Fossil*, 32 species. Neocomian—. Europe, India, Chili, Java.

*Pyrula ficus* has a broad foot, truncated and horned in front; the mantle forms lobes on the sides, which nearly meet over the back of the shell. Chinese seas, in 17—35 fathoms water. (Adams.)

*Sub-genera*, *Fulgur*, Montfort *P. perversa*. (= *Pyrella*, Sw. *P. spirillus*.)

*Rapana*, Schum. *P. bezoar*, shell perforated. Operculum lamellar, nucleus external. This appears to be a *Purpura*.

*Myristica*. Sw. *P. melongena*. Pl. V., Fig. 7. Operculum pointed, curved.

**FUSUS, Lam. Spindle-shell.**

*Synonyms*, Colus, Humph. Leiostruma (bulbiformis). Sw. Strepsidura, Sw.

*Type*, *F. colus*. Pl. V., Fig. 8.

*Shell* fusiform; spire many-whorled; canal straight, long; operculum ovate, curved, nucleus apical. Pl. V., Fig. 9\*.

*Distribution*, 184 species. World-wide. The typical species are sub-tropical. Australia, New Zealand, China, Senegal, United States, Western America, Pacific.

*Fossil*, 320 species. Bath oolite? Gault—Eocene—. Britain, &c.

*Sub-genera*, *Trophon*, Montfort. *F. magellanicus*, Pl. IV., Fig. 16. 38 species. Antarctic and Northern seas. British coast. 5—70 fathoms. *Fossil*, Chili, Britain.

*Clavella*, Sw. (Cyrtulus, Hinds), body-whorl ventricose, suddenly contracted in front; canal long and straight. Resembling a turbinella, without plaits. 2 species. Marquesas, Panama. *Fossil*, Eocene. *F. longævus* (Solander), Barton, &c.

*Chrysodomus*, Sw. *F. antiquus* (var.). Pl. V., Fig. 9. Canal short; apex papillary; lingual dentition like buccinum, 12 species. Spitzbergen, Davis's Straits, Britain, Mediterranean, Kamtschatka, Oregon. Low-water to 100 fathoms. *Fossil*, Pliocene. Britain, Sicily.

*Pusionella*, Gray. *F. pusio*, L. species (= *F. nifat*, Lam.), columella keeled. Operculum, nucleus internal. 7 species; Africa, India. *Fossil*, Tertiary. France.

*Fusus colosseus* and *proboscidalis*, Lam., are two of the largest living gasteropods. *Fusus (chrysodomus) antiquus*, called the red-whelk on the coasts of the Channel, and "buckie" in Scotland, is extensively dredged for the markets, being more esteemed than the *buccinum*. It is the "roaring buckie," in which the sound of the sea may always be heard. In the Zetland cottages it is suspended horizontally, and used for a lamp; the cavity containing the oil, and the canal the wick. (Fleming.) The reversed variety (*F. contrarius*, Sby.) is found in the Mediterranean, and on the coast of Spain; it abounds in the pliocene tertiary (crag) of Essex. The *fusus deformat*, a similar species, found off Spitzbergen, is always reversed.

**FAMILY III.—BUCCINIDÆ.**

*Shell* notched in front; or with the canal abruptly reflected, producing a kind of varix on the front of the shell.

*Animal* similar to *murex*; lingual ribbon long and linear

(Fig. 16), rachidian teeth single, transverse, dentated in front; uncini single. Carnivorous.

### BUCCINUM, L. Whelk.

*Etymology*, *buccina*, a trumpet, or triton's-shell.

*Type*, *B. undatum*. Pl. V., Fig. 10.

*Shell* few whorled; whorls ventricose; aperture large; canal very short, reflected; operculum lamellar, nucleus external. (See *Pisania*.)

*Distribution*, 48 species. Northern and Antarctic seas. Low water to 100 fathoms (Forbes.) (*B. ? clathratum*, 136 fathoms, off Cape). South Australia.

*Fossil*, 130 species, including *Pisania*, &c. Gault?—Miocene—Britain, France.

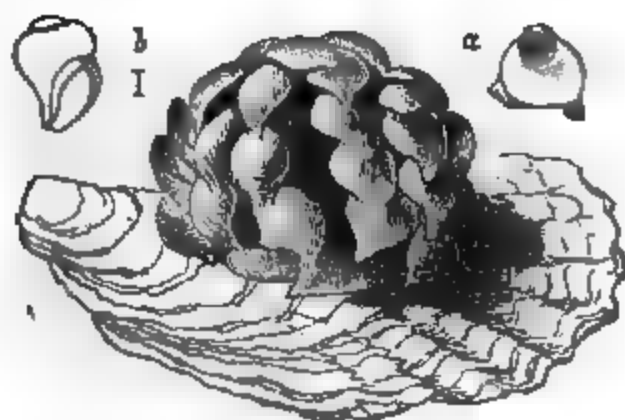


Fig. 83. Nidamental capsules of the Whelk.\*

The whelk is dredged for the market, or used as bait by fishermen; it may be taken in baskets, baited with dead fish. Its nidamental capsules are aggregated in roundish masses, which when thrown ashore, and drifted by the wind resemble corallines. Each capsule contains five or six young, which, when hatched, are like Fig. 83, *b*: *a* represents the inner side of a single capsule, showing the round hole from which the fry have escaped.

*Sub-genus*, *Cominella*, Gray. *Ex.* *B. limbosum*, *purpure maculosa*, &c. Operculum as in *fusus*. About 12 species.

### PSEUDOLIVA, Swainson.

*Etymology*, named from its resemblance to *oliva*, in form.

*Synonyms*, *Sulco-buccinum*, D'Orbigny. *Gastridium* (Gray) G. Sowerby.

\* Fig. 83. From a small specimen, on an oyster-shell, in the cabinet of Albany Hancock, Esq. The line at *b* represents the length of the young shell.

*Type*, *P. plumbea*. Pl. V., Fig. 12.

*Shell* globular, thick; with a deep spiral furrow near the front of the body-whorl, forming, as in *monoceros*, a small tooth on the outer lip; spire short, acute; suture channelled; inner lip callous; aperture notched in front; operculum? Animal unknown.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Africa and California.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Eocene. Britain, France, Chili.

### ? ANOLAX (Roissy), Conrad, Lea.

*Etymology*, an *aulax*, without furrow.

*Synonyms*, *Buccinanops*, D'Origny. *Leiodomus*, Sw. *Bullia*, Gray.

*Types*, *A. gigantea*, Lea. *Buc. lævigatum*. *B. semiplicata*, Pl. V., Fig. 14.

*Shell* variable; like *buccinum*, *pseudoliva*, or *terebra*; sutures enamelled; inner lip callous.

*Animal* without eyes; foot very broad; tentacles long and slender; operculum pointed, nucleus apical.

*Distribution* 26 species. Brazil, West Africa, Ceylon, Pacific, Western America.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Eocene—. North America, France.

### ? HALIA, Risso.

*Etymology*, *halios*, marine.

*Synonym*, *Priamus*, Beck.

*Types*, *bullia helicoides* (Brocchi). Miocene, Italy. *Helix priamus* (Meuschen). Coast of Guinea?

*Shell* like *achatina*; ventricose, smooth; apex regular, obtuse, operculum? The fossil species occurs with marine shells, and sometimes coated by a polyzoon (*lepralia*).

### TEREBRA, Lamarck. Auger-shell.

*Synonyms*, *Acus*, Humph. *Subula*, Bl. *Dorsanum*, Gray.

*Type*, *T. maculata*. Pl. V., Fig. 13.

*Shell* long, pointed, many-whorled; aperture small; canal short; operculum pointed, nucleus apical.

*Animal* blind, or with eyes near the summit of minute tentacles.

*Distribution*, 109 species, mostly tropical. Mediterranean (1 species). India, China, Western America.

*Fossil*, 24 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, Chili.

## EBURNA, Lamarck. Ivory-shell.

*Etymology*, *ebur*, ivory.

*Synonym*, *Latrunculus*, Gray.

*Type*, *E. spirata*. Pl. V., Fig. 11.

*Shell* umbilicated when young; inner lip callous, spreading and covering the umbilicus of the adult; operculum pointed. nucleus apical.

*Distribution*, 9 species. Red Sea, India, Cape, Japan, China, Australia. Solid, smooth shells, which have usually lost their epidermis, and are pure white, spotted with dark red; the animal is spotted like the shell. 14 fathoms. (Adams.)

## NASSA, Lam. Dog-whelk.

*Etymology*, *nassa*, a basket used for catching fish.

*Synonyms*, *Desmoulinsia* and *Northia*, Gray.

*Type*, *N. arcularia*. Pl. V., Fig. 15.

*Shell* like *buccinum*; columellar lip callous, expanded, forming a tooth-like projection near the anterior canal. Operculum ovate, nucleus apical. Lingual teeth arched, pectinated; uncini, with a basal tooth.

The animal has a broad foot, with diverging horns in front, and two little tails behind. *N. obsoleta* (Say) lives within the influence of fresh water and becomes eroded. *N. reticulata*, L., is common on the English shores at low water, and is called the dog-whelk by fishermen.

*Distribution*, 210 species. Low water—50 fathoms. World-wide. Arctic, Tropical, and Antarctic Seas.

*Fossil*, 19 species. Eocene—. Britain, &c. North America.

*Sub-genus*, *Cyllene*, Gray. *C. Oweni*, Pl. V., Fig. 17. Outer lip with a slight sinus near the canal; sutures channelled. West Africa, Sooloo Islands, Borneo. *Fossil*, Miocene, Touraine.

*Cyclonassa*, Swainson. *C. neritea*, Pl. V., Fig. 16.

## PHOS, Montfort.

*Etymology*, *phos*, light.

*Synonym*, *Rhinodomus*, Sw.

*Type*, *P. senticosus*, Pl. V., Fig. 18.

*Shell* like *nassa*; cancellated; outer lip striated internally, with a slight sinus near the canal; columella obliquely grooved.

The animal has slender tentacles, with the eyes near their tips.

*Distribution*, 30 species. (Cuming.) Red Sea, Ceylon, Philippines, Australia, West America.

## ? RINGICULA, Deshayes.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *ringens*, from *ringo*, to grin.

*Type*, *R. ringens*, Pl. V., Fig. 21.

*Shell* minute, ventricose, with a small spire; aperture notched, columella callous, deeply plaited; outer lip thickened and reflected.

*Distribution*, 7 species? Mediterranean, India, Philippines, Gallapagos.

*Fossil*, 9 species. Miocene—. Britain, France. *Ringicula* is placed with *nassa* by Dr. Gray and Mr. S. Wood; it appears to us very nearly allied to *cinulia* = *avellana*, D'Orbigny) in *tornatellidæ*.

## PURPURA (Adans.), Lam. Purple. ,

*Type*, *P. persica*, Pl. VI., Fig. 1.

*Shell* striated, imbricated, or tuberculated; spire short; aperture large, slightly notched in front; upper lip much worn and flattened. Operculum lamellar, nucleus external. Pl. VI., Fig. 2. Lingual dentition like *murex erinaceus*; teeth transverse, three crested; uncini small, simple.

Many of the *purpuræ* produce a fluid which gives a dull crimson dye; it may be obtained by pressing on the operculum. *P. lapillus* abounds on the British coast at low water, amongst sea-weed; it is very destructive to mussel-beds. (Fleming.)

*Distribution*, 140 species. West Indies, Britain, Africa, India, New Zealand, Pacific, Chili, California, Kamtschatka. From low water—25 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Tertiary—. Britain, France, &c.

*Concholepas*, Favan. *C.lepas* (Gmelin species) Pl. VI., Fig. 3. Peru. The only species differs from *purpura* in the size of its aperture and smallness of the spire.

*Cuma* (Humphrey) *P. angulifera*, inner lip with a single prominent fold.

## ? PURPURINA (Lycett, 1847), D'Orbigny.

*Shell* ventricose, coronated; spire short; aperture large, scarcely notched in front.

*Fossil*, 9 species. Bath-oolite. Britain, France. The type *P. rugosa*, somewhat resembles *purpura chokolatum* (Duclos), but the genus probably belongs to an extinct group.

## RHIZOCHILUS, Stp. 1850.

*Example*, *R. antipathum*. Founded on a species of *Purpura*?



ves on the *antipathes ericoides*. When adult they attach ves, singly or in groups, to the branches of the coral, or other, by a solid extension of the lips of the shell. The re becomes closed, with the exception of the respiratory

### MONOCEROS, Lam.

*Etymology*, *monos*, one; *ceras*, a horn.

*Synonyms*, *Acanthina*, Fischer. *Chorus*, Gray.

*Type*, *M. imbricatum*. Pl. VI., Fig. 4. (*Buc. monoceros*, Chemn.)

Shell like *purpura*; with a spiral groove on the whorls, ending in a prominent spine on the outer lip. This genus is retained on account of its geographical curiosity; it consists of species of *purpura*, *lagena*, *turbinella*, *pseudoliva*, &c.

*Distribution*, 18 species. West coast of America.

*Fossil*, Tertiary. Chili.

*M. giganteus* (*chorus*) has the canal produced like *fusus*. *M. cingulatum* is a *turbinella*, and several species belong more properly to *lagena*.

### PEDICULARIA, Swainson.

*Type*, *P. sicula*. Pl. VI., Fig. 5. (*Thyreus*, Phil.)

Shell very small, limpet-like; with a large aperture, channelled in front, and a minute, lateral spire. *Lingual dentition* peculiar; teeth single, hooked, denticulated; *uncini*, 3; 1 four-cusped, 2, 3, elongated, three-spined.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Sicily, adhering to corals. Closely allied to *purpura madreporarum*, Sby. Chinese Sea.

### RICINULA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *ricinus*, the (fruit of the) castor-oil plant.

*Example*, *R. arachnoïdes*. Pl. VI., Fig. 9 (= *murex ricinus*, L.).

Shell thick, tuberculated, or spiny; aperture contracted by callous projections on the lips. Operculum as in *purpura*.

*Distribution*, 34 species. India, China, Philippines, Australia, Pacific.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Miocene—. France.

### PLANAXIS, Lam.

*Type*, *P. sulcata*. Pl. VI., Fig. 6.

*Synonyms*, *Quoyia* and *Leucostoma*.

Shell, turbinated; aperture notched in front; inner lip callos

channelled behind; operculum *subspiral* (quoyia) or semi-ovate. Pl. VI., Fig. 7.

*Distribution*, 27 species. West Indies, Red Sea, Bourbon, India, Pacific, and Peru.

*Fossil*, Miocene?

Small coast shells, resembling periwinkles, with which Lamarck placed them. This genus is now generally placed among the Littorinidæ.

### MAGILUS, Montfort, 1810.

*Synonyms*, Campulote, Guettard, 1759. Leptoconchus, Rüppell.

*Type*, *M. antiquus*. Pl. V., Figs. 19, 20.

*Shell*, when young, spiral, thin; aperture channelled in front; adult, prolonged into an irregular tube, solid behind; operculum lamellar.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Red Sea, Mauritius.

The magili live fixed amongst corals, and grow upwards with the growth of the zoophytes in which they become immersed; they fill the cavity of the tube with solid shell as they advance.

### CASSIS, Lam. Helmet-shell.

*Synonyms*, Bezoardica, Schum. Levenia, Gray. Cypræcassis, Stutch.

*Type*, *C. flammea*. Pl. VI., Fig. 14.

*Shell* ventricose, with irregular varices; spire short; aperture long, outer lip reflected, denticulated; inner lip spread over the body-whorl; canal sharply recurved. Operculum small, elongated; nucleus in the middle of the straight inner edge (Fig. 84). Lingual teeth 3, 1, 3, as in Fig. 85.

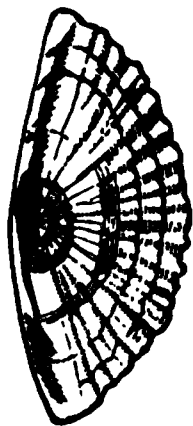


Fig. 84. Operc. of *Cassis*.

The spiny *buccal plates* of *Cassis* have been mistaken by Gray and Adams for the *teeth*, which in this genus, and also in *Triton*, are very minute and transparent.



Fig. 85. *Cassis saburon*. (Original).

*Distribution*, 37 species. Tropical seas; in shallow water. West Indies, Mediterranean, Africa, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific, Mexico.

*Fossil*, 36 species. Eocene—. Chili, France.

The queen-conch (*C. madagascariensis*) and other large species are used in the manufacture of shell cameos, p. 38. The periodic mouths (*varices*) which are very prominent, are not absorbed internally as the animal grows.

### ONISCLA, Sowerby.

*Etymology*, *oniscus*, a wood-louse.

*Synonym*, *Morum*, Bolten.

*Type*, *O. oniscus*; *O. cancellata*. Pl. VI., Fig. 15.

*Shell* with a short spire and a long narrow aperture, slightly truncated in front; outer lip thickened, denticulated; inner lip granulated.

*Distribution*, 9 species. West Indies, China, Gallapagos, United States. (20 fathoms).

*Fossil*, 3 species. Miocene. United States, Domingo.

### CASSIDARIA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *cassida*, a helmet.

*Synonyms*, *Morio*, Montfort. *Sconsia*, Gray.

*Type*, *C. echinophora*. Pl. VI., Fig. 13.

*Shell* ventricose; canal produced, rather bent. No operculum.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Mediterranean.

*Fossil*, 10 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, &c.

### BACHYBATHRON, Gaskoin.

*Shell* small, oblong, striated with lines of growth; spire small, depressed, with channelled suture; aperture with callous denticulated lips, like *Cypræa*.

*Distribution*, 3 species.



Fig. 86. *Dolium perdliz*. (Original).

### DOLIUM, Lam. The Tun.

*Type*, *D. galea*. Pl. VI., Fig. 12.

*Shell* ventricose, spirally furrowed; spire small; aperture very large; outer lip crenated. No operculum. Teeth 3, 1, 3. Fig. 86. The genus *Macgillivrayia*, formerly assigned to the Atlantidæ, belongs here. It comprises the larva forms of several species of *Dolium*.

*Distribution*, 14 species. Mediterranean, Ceylon, China, Australia, Pacific.

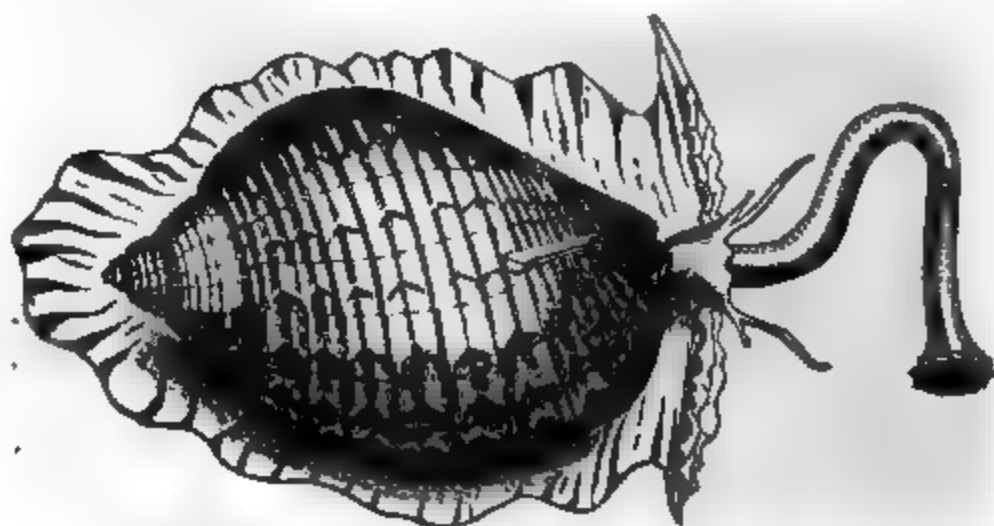


Fig. 87.\*

*Fossil*, 7 species. (? Chalk. Britain). Tertiary. South Europe. Sub-genus, *Malea*, Valenc. (*D. personatum*), outer lip thickened and denticulated; inner lip with callous prominences.

#### HARPA, Lam. Harp-shell.

*Type*, *H. ventricosa*. Pl. VI., Fig. 11. (= *Buc. harpa*, L.)

*Shell* ventricose, with numerous ribs, at regular intervals; spire small; aperture large, notched in front. No operculum.

The animal has a very large foot, with the front crescent-shaped, and divided by deep lateral fissures from the posterior part, which is said to separate spontaneously when the animal is irritated. Mostly obtained from deep water and soft bottoms.

*Distribution*, 12 species. Mauritius, Ceylon, Philippines. Pacific.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Eocene—France.

#### COLUMBELLA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *columba*, a dove.

*Type*, *C. mercatoria*. Pl. VI., Fig. 10.

*Shell* small, with a long narrow aperture; outer lip thickened (especially in the middle), dentated; inner lip crenulated. Operculum very small, lamellar.

*Distribution*, 205 species. Sub-tropical. West Indies, Mediterranean, India, Gallapagos, California. Small, prettily-

\* *D. perdis*, L. species.  $\frac{1}{2}$  natural size (after Quoy). Vanicoto, Pacific. The siphon is asserted, and the siphon recurved over the front of the shell.

marked shells; living in shallow water, on sandy flats, or congregating about stones. (Adams.)

*Fossil*, 8 species. Tertiary. (The British species are *pisanice*.)

*Sub-genus*, *Columbellina*, D'Orbigny. 4 species. Cretaceous. France, India.

### OLIVA, Lam. Olive, rice-shell.

*Type*, *O. porphyria*. Pl. VI.; Fig. 16.

*Synonym*, *Strephona*, Brown.

*Shell* cylindrical, polished; spire very short, suture channelled; aperture long, narrow, notched in front; columella callous, striated obliquely; body-whorl furrowed near the base. No operculum in the typical species.

*Animal* with a very large foot, in which the shell is half immersed; mantle lobes large, meeting over the back of the shell, and giving off filaments which lie in the suture and furrow. The eyes are placed near the tips of the tentacles.

The olives are very active animals, and can turn over, when laid on their back; near low water they may be seen gliding about or burying in the sands as the tide retires; they may be taken with animal baits attached to lines. They range downwards to 25 fathoms.

*Distribution*, 120 species. Sub-tropical, West and East America. West Africa, India, China, Pacific.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, &c.

*Sub-genera*. *Olivella*, Sw. *O. jaspidea*, Pl. VI., Fig. 19.

*Animal* with small, acute frontal lobes. Operculum nucleus sub-apical.

*Scaphula*, Sw. = *Olivancillaria*, D'Orbigny, Pl. VI., Fig. 18,

Frontal lobes large, rounded, operculate.

*Agaronia*, Gray. *O. hiatula*, Pl. VI., Fig. 17.

No eyes or tentacles. Frontal lobes moderate, acute.

### ANCILLARIA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *ancilla*, a maiden.

*Types*, *A. subulata*, Pl. VI., Fig. 20. *A. glabrata*, Pl. VI., Fig. 21.

*Shell* like *oliva*; spire produced, and entirely covered with shining enamel. Operculum minute, thin, pointed. Lingual teeth pectinated. Uncini simple, hooked.

*Animal* like *oliva*; said to use its mantle-lobes for swimming. (D'Orbigny.) In *A. glabrata*, a space resembling an umbilicus, is left between the callous inner lip and the body-whorl.

*Distribution*, 23 species. Red Sea, India, Madagascar, Australia, Pacific.

*Fossil*, 21 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, &c.

#### FAMILY IV.—CONIDÆ, Cones.

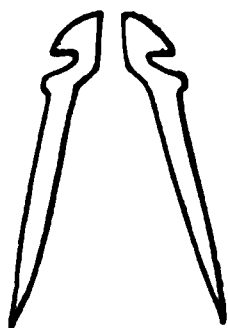


Fig. 88.\*

*Shell* inversely conical; aperture long and narrow; outer lip notched at or near the suture; operculum minute, lamellar.

*Animal* foot oblong, truncated in front; with a conspicuous (aquiferous?) pore in the middle. Head produced. Tentacles far apart. Eyes on the tentacles. Gills 2. Lingual teeth (*uncini*?) in pairs, elongate, subulate, or hastate.

#### CONUS, L. Cone-shell

*Types*, *C. marmoreus*, Pl. VII., Fig. 1. *C. geographicus*, *antediluvianus*, &c.

*Shell* conical, tapering regularly; spire short, many-whorled; columella smooth, truncated in front; outer lip notched at the suture; operculum pointed, nucleus apical.

*Distribution*, 371 species. All tropical seas.

*Fossil*, 84 species. Chalk—. Britain, France, India, Java, &c.

The cones range northward as far as the Mediterranean, and southward to the Cape; but are most abundant and varied in equatorial seas. They inhabit fissures and holes of rocks, and the warm and shallow pools inside coral-reefs, ranging from low water to 30 and 40 fathoms; they move slowly, and sometimes (*C. aulicus*) bite when handled; they are all predatory. (Adams.)

*Sub-genus* *Conorbis*, Sw. *C. dormitor*, Pl. VII., Fig. 2. Eocene—. Britain, France.

#### PLEUROTOMA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *pleura*, the side, and *toma*, a notch.

*Synonym*, *Turris*, Humphrey.

*Types*, *P. Babylonica*, Pl. VII., Fig. 3. *P. mitræformis*, &c.

*Shell* fusiform, spire elevated; canal long and straight; outer lip with a deep slit near the suture. Operculum pointed, nucleus apical.

*Distribution*, 430 species. World-wide. Greenland, Britain, 17; Mediterranean, 19; Africa, 15; Red Sea and India, 6; China, 90; Australia, 15; Pacific, 0? West America, 52; West

\* Fig. 88. Lingual teeth of *Bela turracula* (after Lovén).

Indies and Brazil, 20. The typical species about 20 (China, 16; West America, 4). Low water to 100 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 378 species. Chalk—. Britain, France, &c. Chili.

*Sub-genera*, *Drillia*, Gray. *D. umbilicata*, canal short.

*Clavatula*, Lam., canal short, operculum pointed, nucleus in the middle of the inner edge. *C. mitra*, Pl. VII., Fig. 4.

*Tomella*, Sw., canal long; inner lip callous near suture. *T. lineata*.

? *Clionella*, Gray. *C. sinuata*, Born species. (= *P. buccinoides*), freshwaters, Africa.

*Mangelia*, Leach (not Reeve). Apertural slit at the suture; no operculum, *M. tæniata*, Pl. VII., Fig. 5. Greenland, Britain, Mediterranean.

*Bela*, Leach. Operculum nucleus apical. *B. turricula*, Pl. VII., Fig. 6.

*Defrancia*, Millet,\* no operculum. *D. linearis*, Pl. VII., Fig. 7.

? *Lachesis*, Risso, *L. minima*, Pl. VII., Fig. 8, apex mammillated; operculum claw-shaped. Mediterranean, South Britain, Japan. In shallow water.

*Daphnella*, Hinds. *D. marmorata*, New Guinea. (*Buc. junceum*. L. clay).

*Borsonia*, Edwards. 2 species recent; tropical seas. *Fossil*, 6 species. Tertiary. Europe.

#### CITHARA, Schumacher.

*Etymology*, *cithara*, a guitar.

*Synonym*, *Mangelia*, Reeve (not Leach).

*Type*, *cancellaria citharella*, Lam. (*cithara striata*, Schum.).

*Shell* fusiform, polished, ornamented with regular longitudinal ribs; aperture linear, truncated in front, slightly notched behind; outer lip margined, denticulated within; inner lip finely striated. Operculum.

*Distribution*, above 50 species of this pretty little genus were discovered by Mr. Cuming in the Philippine Islands.

#### FAMILY V.—VOLUTIDÆ.

*Shell* turreted, or convolute; aperture notched in front; columella obliquely plaited. No operculum.

*Animal* with a recurved siphon; foot very large, partly hiding the shell; mantle often lobed and reflected over the shell; eyes

\* According to Mr. S. Hanley, *Defrancia* is synonymous with *Mangelia*.

on the tentacles, or near their base. Lingual ribbon linear; *rachis*, toothed; *pleurae*, unarmed.



Fig. 89.\*

### VOLUTA. L. Volute.

Type, *V. musica*, Pl. VII., Fig. 9.

Synonyms, *Cymbiola*, *Harpula*, Sw. *Volutella*, D'Orbigny. *Scapha*, &c., Gray.

Shell ventricose, thick; spire short, apex mammillated; aperture large, deeply notched in front; columella with several plaits. *V. musica* and a few others have a small operculum.



Fig. 90. *Voluta*  
(Wilton).

Animal eyes on lobes at the base of the tentacles; siphon with a lobe on each side, at its base; lingual teeth 3-cusped (Fig. 90).

*V. vespertilio* and *hebraea* fill the nuclei of their spires with solid shell. *V. brasiliensis* forms nidamental capsules 3 inches long. (D'Orbigny.) In *V. angulata* the mantle is produced into a lobe on the left side, and overlaps the shell.

Distribution, 70 species. West Indies, Cape Horn, West Africa, Australia, Java, Chili.

Fossil, 80 species. Chalk—. India, Britain, France, &c.

Sub-genera, *Volutilithes*, Sw. Spire pointed, many-whorled, columella plaits indistinct. *V. spinosus*, Pl. VII., Fig. 10.

Living, 1 species (*V. abyssicola*), dredged at 132 fathoms; off the Cape. (Adams.)

Fossil, Eocene. Britain, Paris.

*Scaphella*, Sw. Fusiform, smooth.

Example, *V. magellanica*.

\* Fig. 89. *V. undulata*, Lam. } Australia. (From Quoy and Gaimard.)



*Fossil*, *V. Lamberti*, Crag, Suffolk.

*Melo*, Brod. Large, oval; spire short.

*Type*, *M. diadema*, Pl. VII., Fig. 11. New Guinea, 8 species.

**CYMBA**, Broderip. Boat-shell.

*Synonym*, *Yetus* (Adans.), Gray.

*Type*, *C. proboscidalis*, Pl. VII., Fig. 12, and Fig. 91 (= *V. cymbium*, L.).

*Shell* like *voluta*; nucleus large and globular; whorls few, angular, forming a flat ledge round the nucleus.

The foot of the animal is very large, and deposits a thin enamel over the under side of the shell. It is ovo-viviparous, and the young animal is very large when born; the nucleus becomes partly concealed by the growth of the shell.

*Distribution*, 10 species. West Africa, Lisbon.

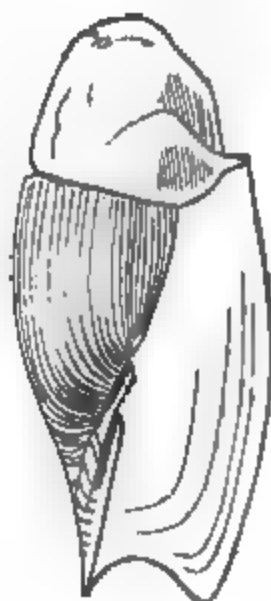


Fig. 91. *Cymba*.

**MITRA**, Lam. Mitre-shell.

*Synonyms*, *Turris*, Montfort. *Zierliana*, Gray. *Tiara*, Sw.

*Types*, *M. episcopalis*, Pl. VII., Fig. 13. *M. vulpecula* Fig. 14.

*Shell* fusiform, thick; spire elevated, acute; aperture small, notched in front; columella obliquely plaited; operculum very small.

The animal has a very long proboscis; it emits a purple liquid, having a nauseous odour, when irritated. The eyes are placed on the tentacles, or at their base. Range, from low water to 15 fathoms, more rarely in 15—80 fathoms.

*Distribution*, 420 species. Philippines, India, Red Sea, Mediterranean, West Africa, Greenland (1 species), Pacific, West America. The extra-tropical species are minute. *M. Greenlandica* and *M. Cornea* (Mediterranean species) are found together in the latest British Tertiaries. (Forbes.)

*Fossil*, 90 species. Chalk.— India, Britain, France, &c.

*Sub-genera*. *Imbricaria*, Schum. (concelix, Sw.)

*Shell* cone-shaped. *I. conica*, Pl. VII., Fig. 15.

*Cylindra*, Schum. (*Mitrella*, Sw.)

*Shell* olive-shaped. *C. crenulata*, Pl. VII., Fig. 16.

on the tentacles, or near their base. Lingual ribbon linear; rachis, toothed; pleurae, unarmed.



Fig. 89.\*

### VOLUTA. L. Voluta.

Type, *V. musica*, Pl. VII., Fig. 9.

Synonyms, *Cymbiola*, *Harpula*, Sw. *Volutella*, D'Orbigny. *Scapha*, &c., Gray.

Shell ventricose, thick; spire short, apex mammillated; aperture large, deeply notched in front; columella with several plaits. *V. musica* and a few others have a small operculum.



Fig. 90. *Voluta*  
(Wilton).

Animal eyes on lobes at the base of the tentacles; siphon with a lobe on each side, at its base; lingual teeth 3-cusped (Fig. 90).

*V. vespertilio* and *hebraea* fill the nuclei of their spires with solid shell. *V. brasiliensis* forms nidamental capsules 3 inches long. (D'Orbigny.) In *V. angulata* the mantle is produced into a lobe on the left side, and overlaps the shell.

Distribution, 70 species. West Indies, Cape Horn, West Africa, Australia, Java, Chili.

Fossil, 80 species. Chalk—. India, Britain, France, &c.

Sub-genera, *Volutilithes*, Sw. Spire pointed, many-whorled, columella plaits indistinct. *V. spinosus*, Pl. VII., Fig. 10.

Living, 1 species (*V. abyssicola*), dredged at 132 fathoms; off the Cape. (Adams.)



## VOLVARIA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *voiva*, a wrapper.

*Type*, *V. bulloides*, Pl. VII., Fig. 17.

*Shell* cylindrical, convolute : spire minute ; aperture long and narrow ; columella with three oblique plaits in front.

*Distribution*, 29 species, tropical seas.

*Fossil*, 5 ? species. Eocene. Britain, France.

## MARGINELLA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *margo*, a rim.

*Synonyms*, *Porcellana* (Adans.), Gray. *Persicula*, Schum.

*Types*, *M. nuberculata*, Pl. VII., Fig. 18. *M. persicula*, Fig. 19.

*Shell* smooth, bright ; spire short or concealed ; aperture truncated in front ; columella plaited ; outer lip (of adult) with a thickened margin.

*Animal* similar to *cypræa*.

*Distribution*, 139 species. Tropical, West Indies, Brazil, Mediterranean (1 small species), West Africa, China, Australia.

*Fossil*, 30 species. Eocene—. France, &c.

*Sub-genus*, *Hyalina*, Schum. Outer lip scarcely thickened.

*Type*, *voluta pallida*, Montfort, West Indies.

## FAMILY VI.—CYPRÆIDÆ. Cowries.

*Shell* convolute, enamelled ; spire concealed ; aperture narrow, channelled at each end ; outer lip (of adult) thickened, inflected. No operculum.

*Animal* with a broad foot, truncated in front ; mantle expanded on each side, forming lobes, which meet over the back of the shell ; these lobes are usually ornamented with tentacular filaments ; eyes on the middle of the tentacles or near their base ; branchial plume single. Lingual ribbon long, partly contained in the visceral cavity ; *rachis* 1 toothed ; *uncini* 3. In *Ovulum* the teeth are 2. 1. 2. the outermost broad, with pectinated margins. Lovén describes the Cypræidæ as having a short, non-retractile muzzle, and places them between the *Naticidæ* and *Lamellaria*. The cowries inhabit shallow water, near shore, feeding on zoophytes.

## CYPRÆA, L. Cowry.

*Etymology*, *Cypris*, a name of Venus.

*Types*, *C. tigris*, *C. mauritiana* Pl. VII., Fig. 20.

Shell ventricose, convolute, covered with shining enamel; spire concealed; aperture long and narrow, with a short canal at each end; inner lip crenulated; outer lip inflexed and crenulated (lingual uncini similar).



Fig. 92. *Cypraea*, young.\*

The young shell has a thin and sharp outer lip, a prominent spire, and is covered with a thin epidermis (Fig. 92). When full-grown the mantle lobes expand on each side, and deposit a shining enamel over the whole shell, by which the spire is entirely concealed. There is usually a line of paler colour, which indicates where the mantle lobes met. *Cypraea*



Fig. 93. *Trivia*.†

*annulus* is used by the Asiatic Islanders to adorn their dresses, to weight their fishing-nets, and for barter. Specimens of it were found by Dr. Layard in the ruins of Nimroud. The money-cowry (*C. moneta*) is also a native of the Pacific and Eastern seas; many tons weight of this little shell are annually imported into this country, and again exported for barter with the native tribes of Western Africa; in the year 1848 sixty tons of the money-cowry were imported into Liverpool. Mr. Adams observed the pteropodous fry of *C. annulus*, at Singapore, adhering in masses to the mantle of the parent, or swimming in rapid gyrations, or with abrupt jerking movements by means of their cephalic fins.

**Distribution**, 150 species. In all warm seas (except east coast South America?), but most abundant in those of the old world. On reefs and under rocks at low water.

**Fossil**, 84 species. Chalk—India, Britain, France, &c.

**Sub-genera**. *Cyprocula*, Gray. *C. Capensis*, Pl. VII., Fig. 21. Apertural plaits continued regularly over the margin of the canal.

*Luponia*, Gray. *C. algoënsis*, Pl. VII., Fig. 22. Inner lip irregularly plaited in front.

*Trivia*, Gray. *C. europæa*, Pl. VII., Fig. 23; Fig. 93, and 15, B. Small shells with striae extending over the back. (*Uncini*: 1st denticulate, 2, 3, simple.)

\* Fig. 92. *Cypraea testudinaria*, L., young, China.

† Fig. 93. *Trivia Europæa*, Mont. From the "British Mollusca," by Mearns, Forbes and Hanley.

*Distribution*, 30 species. Greenland, Britain, West Indies, Cape, Australia, Pacific, West America.

### ERATO, Risso.

*Etymology*, *Erato*, the muse of love-songs and mimicry.

*Type*, *E. lævis*, Pl. VII., Fig. 24.

*Shell* minute; like *marginella*; lips minutely crenulated.

*Animal* like *trivia*.

*Distribution*, 11 species. Britain, Mediterranean, West Indies, China.

*Fossil*, 2 species. Miocene—. France, Britain (Crag).

### OVULUM, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *ovum*, an egg.

*Synonym*, *Amphiceras*, Gronov.

*Types*, *O. Ovum*, Pl. VII., Fig. 25. *O. gibbosa* and *verrucosa*.

*Shell* like *cyprea*; inner lip smooth.

*Distribution*, 36 species. Warm seas. West Indies, Britain, Mediterranean, China, West America.

*Fossil*, 11 species. Eocene—. France, &c.

*Sub-genus*. *Calpurna*, Leach. *O. volva* ("the weaver's shuttle"). Aperture produced into a long canal at each end. Foot narrow, adapted for walking on the round stems of the *gorgoniæ*, &c., on which it feeds. *C. patula* inhabits the south coast of Britain, it is very thin, and has a sharp outer lip.

*Calpurnus*, Montfort (name) = *Ovulum verrucosum*.

*Volva* (Fleming) = *Ovulum patulum* (*Calpurna*, Leach).

*Radius* (Montfort) Schum. = *Ovulum volva*

### SECTION B. HOLOSTOMATA. Sea-Snails.

*Shell* spiral or limpet-shaped; rarely tubular or multivalve: margin of the aperture entire; operculum, horny or shelly, usually spiral.

*Animal* with a short non-retractile muzzle; respiratory siphon wanting, or formed by a lobe developed from the neck (Fig. 68), gills pectinated or plume-like, placed obliquely across the back, or attached to the right side of the neck; neck and sides frequently ornamented with lappets and tentacular filaments. Marine or fresh-water. Mostly phytophagous.\*

\* These "sections" are not very satisfactory, but they are better than any others yet proposed, and they are convenient on account of the great extent of the order *proso-branchiata*. *Natica* and *scalaria* have a retractile proboscis. *Pirena* has a notched aperture, and *aporrhais*, a canal.

## FAMILY I.—NATICIDÆ.

*Shell* globular, few-whorled; spire, small, obtuse; aperture semi-lunar; lip acute; pillar often callous.



Fig. 94. *Natica monilifera* (Wilton).

*Animal* with a long retractile proboscis; lingual ribbon linear; *rachis* 1 toothed; *uncini* 3 (as in Fig. 94); foot very large; mantle-lobes largely developed, hiding more or less of the shell. Species all marine.

## NATICA (Adans.), Lamarck.

*Synonym*, Mamilla, Schm. Cepatia, Gray. Nacca, Risso.

*Type*, *N. canrena*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 1.

*Shell* thick, smooth; inner lip callous; umbilicus large, with a spiral callus; epidermis thin, polished; operculum sub-spiral.

*Animal* blind; tentacles connate with a head veil; front of the large foot provided with a fold (*mentum*), reflected upon and protecting the head; operculigerous lobe large, covering part of the shell; jaws horny; lingual ribbon short; branchial plume single.



Fig. 95. *Natica*.\*

The coloured markings of the naticæ are very indestructible; they are frequently preserved on fossils. The *naticæ* frequent sandy and gravelly bottoms, ranging from low water to 90 fathoms (Forbes). They are carnivorous, feeding on the smaller bivalves (Gould), and are themselves devoured by the cod and haddock. Their eggs are agglutinated into a broad and short spiral band, very slightly attached, and resting free on the sands.

*Distribution*, 197 species. Arctic seas, Britain, Mediterranean, Caspian, India, Australia, China, Panama, West Indies.

*Fossil*, 260 species. Devonian—. South America, North America, Europe, India.

*Sub-genera*. *Naticopsis*, M'Coy. *N. Phillipsii*. Shell imperforate; inner lip very thick, spreading; operculum shelly (British Museum). Carb. limestone, 7 species.

\* Fig. 95. *Natica Alderi*, Forbes. From an original drawing, communicated by Joshua Alder, Esq

*Operculum, horny.*

*Neverita*, Risso. *N. Alderi*. Fig. 95.

*Lunatia*, Gray. *N. Ampullaria*. Perforation simple; epidermis dull, olivaceous. Northern seas.

*Globulus*, J. Sby. (*Ampulina*, Deshayes not Bl.) *N. Sigaretina*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 2. Umbilicus narrow (rimate), lined by a thin callus.

*Fossil*, Eocene. Britain, Paris.

*Polinices*, Montfort (*naticella*, Guild.), *N. mammilla*. Shell oblong; callus very large, filling the umbilicus.

*Cernina*, Gray, *N. fluctuata*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 3. Globular, imperforate; inner lip callous, covering part of the body-whorl.

*Naticella*, Müller. 19 species.

*Fossil*, Trias, S. Cassian.

## DESHAYESIA, Raulin

*Miocene*, France. Some additional species have been found with a similar oblique aperture and corrugated inner lip. Baron Ryckholt has described a species (*D. Raulini*), from the *Devonian*, Belgium. The relation of the genus is uncertain.

## NATICELLA, Münster.

This genus, abounding in the Trias of St. Cassian, has been referred to *Natica* by D'Orbigny. A characteristic species occurs in the green-sand of Blackdown, and has been named *Natica carinata*, J. Sby. (*Narica*, D'Orbigny.) It is exactly intermediate between *Narica* (p. 237) and *Fossarus* (p. 253), and appears to form with them a little group nearly related to *Lacuna* (p. 255).

## SIGARETUS (Adans.), Lamarck.

*Synonyms*, *Cryptostoma*, Bl. *Stomatia*, Browne.

*Type*, *S. haliotoïdes*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 4.

*Shell* striated; ear-shaped; spire minute; aperture very wide, oblique (not pearly); operculum minute, horny, sub-spiral.

The flat species are entirely concealed by the mantle when living; the convex shells only partially, and they have a yellowish epidermis. The anterior foot lobe (*mentum*) is enormously developed.

*Distribution*, 31 species. West Indies, India, China, Peru.

*Fossil*, 10 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, South America.

*Sub-genus*. *Naticina*, Gray. *N. papilla*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 3. Shell ventricose, thin, perforated. West Indies, Red Sea, China, North Australia, Tasmania. Eocene, Paris.

## LAMELLARIA, Montagu.

*Etymology*, *lamella*, a thin plate.

*Synonyms*, *Marsenia*, Leach. *Coriocella*, Bl.

*Type*, *L. perspicua*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 6.

*Shell* ear-shaped; thin, pellucid, fragile; spire very small; aperture large, patulous; inner lip receding. No operculum.

*Animal* much larger than the shell, which is entirely concealed by the reflected margins of the mantle; mantle non-retractile, notched in front; eyes at the outer bases of the tentacles. Lingual *uncini* 3, similar; or one very large.

*Distribution*, 10 species. Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, New Zealand, Philippines.

*Fossil*, 2 species. Pliocene—. Britain (Crag).

## NARICA, Recluz.

*Synonyms*, *Vanicoro*, Quoy. *Merria*, Gray. *Leucotis*, Sw.

*Type*, *N. cancellata*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 8.

*Shell* thin, white, with a velvety epidermis; ribbed irregularly and spirally striated; axis perforated; operculum very small, thin.

*Animal* eyes at the outer base of the tentacles; foot with wing-like lobes.

*Distribution*, 26 species. West Indies, Nicobar, Vanikoro, Pacific.

*Fossil*. 4 species, Gault—. (D'Orbigny.) Britain, France.

## VELUTINA, Fleming.

*Etymology*, *velutinus*, velvety (from *vellus*, a fleece).

*Type*, *V. lævigata*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 7.

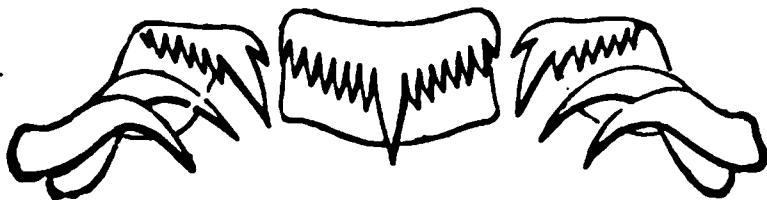


Fig. 96. *Velutina lævigata* (Warrington).

*Shell* thin, with a velvety epidermis; spire small; suture deep; aperture very large, rounded; peristome continuous, thin. No operculum.

*Animal* with a large oblong foot; margin of the mantle developed all round, and more or less reflected over the shell; gills 2; head broad; tentacles subulate, blunt, far apart; eyes on prominences at their outer bases. Carnivorous. Lingual dentition (Fig. 96). It resembles that of *trivia* (Fig. 15, B).



*Distribution*, 4 species. Britain, Norway, North America, Icy Sea to Kamtschatka.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Pliocene—. Britain.

*Sub-genus*. *Otina* (Gray). *V. otis*.

*Shell* minute, ear-shaped.

*Animal* with a simple mantle, and very short tentacles. West and south-west British coast; inhabiting chinks of rocks, between tide-marks. (Forbes.)

*Velutina* inhabits the laminarian zone, and ranges to 40 fathoms. *V. lævigata* is sometimes brought in on the fishermen's lines (off Northumberland), generally adhering to *Alcyonium digitatum* (Alder). Dr. Gould obtained it from the stomach of fishes.

CRYPTOCELLA. H. and A. Adams, 1853.

*Shell* thin, pellucid, calcareous; spire small; aperture large.

## FAMILY II.—PYRAMIDELLIDÆ.

*Shell* spiral turreted; nucleus minute, sinistral; aperture small; columella sometimes with one or more prominent plaits; operculum horny, imbricated, nucleus internal.

*Animal* with broad, ear-shaped tentacles, often connate; eyes behind the tentacles at their bases; proboscis retractile; foot truncated in front; tongue unarmed. Species all marine. They are very numerous in the Japanese seas.

Several genera of fossil shells are provisionally placed in this order, from their resemblance to *eulima* and *chemnitzia*.\* *Tornatella*, usually placed in or near this family, is *opisthobranchiate*.

### PYRAMIDELLA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *pyramis*, a pyramid.

*Synonyms*, Obeliscus. Humphrey. (*P. dolabrata*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 11.) Syrnola, Adams, 1860.

*Type*, *P. auris-cati*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 10.

*Shell* slender, pointed, with numerous plaited or level whorls; apex sinistral; columella with several plaits; lip sometimes furrowed internally; operculum indented on the inner side to adapt it to the columellar plaits. The shell of the typical pyramidellæ bears some resemblance to *cancellaria*.

\* "The *Pyramidellidæ* present subjects of much interest to the student of extinct mollusca; numerous forms, bearing all the aspect of being members of this family, occur among the fossils of even the oldest stratified rocks. Many of them are gigantic compared with existing species, and the group, as a whole, may be regarded rather as appertaining to past ages than the present epoch."—Forbes.

*Distribution*, 111 species. West Indies, Mauritius, Australia.

*Fossil*, 12 species. Chalk—. France, Britain.

### ODOSTOMIA, Fleming, 1824.

*Etymology*, *odous*, a tooth, and *stoma*, mouth.

*Type*, *O. plicata*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 12.

*Shell* subulate or ovate, smooth; apex sinistral; aperture ovate; peristome not continuous; columella with a single tooth-like fold; lip thin; operculum horny, indented on the inner side.

*Distribution*, ? species. Britain, Mediterranean, Red Sea, Australia.

*Fossil*, 15 species? Eocene—. Britain, France.

Very minute and smooth shells, having the habit of *rissoæ*, and like them sometimes found in brackish water. They range from low water to 40 fathoms. The animal is undistinguishable from *chemnitzia*.

### CHEMNITZIA, D'Orbigny.

*Etymology*, named in honour of Chemnitz, a distinguished conchologist of Nuremburg, who published seven volumes in continuation of Martini's "*Conchylien-cabinet*," 1780-95.

*Synonyms*, *Turbonilla*, Risso. *Parthenia*, Lowe. *Pyramis* and *Jaminea*, Br. *Monoptigma*, Lea, part. *Amoura*, Moller.

*Type*, *C. elegantissima*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 13.

*Shell* slender, elongated, many-whorled; whorls plaited; apex sinistral; aperture simple; ovate; peristome incomplete; operculum horny, sub-spiral.

*Animal* head very short, furnished with a long, retractile proboscis; tentacles triangular; eyes immersed at the inner angles of the tentacles; foot truncated in front, with a distinct *mentum*.

*Distribution*, 32 species. Britain (4 species), Norway, Mediterranean. Probably world-wide. Range from low water to 90 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 240 species. Silurian—. Britain, France, &c.

The "*mélanie*" of the secondary rocks are provisionally referred to this genus. Those of the palæozoic strata to *loaconema*.

*Sub-genera*. *Eulimella*, Forbes. *E. scillæ*, Scacchi. 4 British species. Shell smooth and polished; columella simple; apex sinistral.

*Stylopsis* (Adams, 1860) much resembles and is probably synonymous with this sub-genus.

## EULIMA, Risso, 1826.

*Etymology*, *eulimia*, ravenous hunger

*Synonym*, *Pasithea*, Lea.

*Type*, *E. polita*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 14.

*Shell* small, white, and polished; slender, elongated with numerous level whorls; obscurely marked on one side by a series of periodic mouths, which form prominent ribs internally; apex acute; aperture oval, pointed above; outer lip thickened internally; inner lip reflected over the pillar; operculum horny, sub-spiral.

*Animal* tentacles subulate, close, with the eyes immersed at their posterior bases; proboscis long, retractile; foot truncated in front, mentum bilobed; operculum lobe winged on each side; branchial plume single; mantle with a rudimentary siphonal fold.

The eulimæ creep with the foot much in advance of the head, which is usually concealed within the aperture, the tentacles only protruding. (Forbes.)

*Distribution*, 49 species. Britain, Mediterranean, India, Australia, Pacific. In 5—90 fathoms water.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Carb. ?—. Britain, France, &c.

*Sub-genus*. *Niso*, Risso (= *Bonellia*, Deshayes). *N. terebellatus*, Lam. species. Axis perforated.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Eocene—. Paris.

*Distribution*, 5 species. China, West America. (Cuming.)

## MONOPTIGMA, Lea.

*Synonyms*, *Melanioides*, Lea = *M. striata*, Gray (name only).

*Shell* like *Chemnitzia*, rather fusiform, spirally grooved; columella slightly folded, with a sinus at the base.

*Distribution*, 12 species. Indo-Pacific.

*Menestho*, Möller (*Turbo albulus*, Fabr. Greenland) v. *Chemnitzia*.

## ACLIS, Lovén.

*Etymology*, *A*, without, *kleis*, a projection.

*Synonym*, *Alvania*, Leach (not Risso).

*Type*, *A. supranitida*. Wood. *A. ascaris*, Turt. Pl. IX., Fig. 4.

*Shell* minute, like *turritella*; spirally striated; aperture oval; outer lip prominent; axis slightly rimate; operculate; apex *sinistral*.

*Animal* with a long retractile proboscis; tentacles close together, slender, inflated at the tips; eyes immersed at the bases of the tentacles; operculum lobe ample, unsymmetrical; foot truncated in front. Ranges to 80 fathoms water. 5 British species, Norway.

*Fossil*. ? species. Pliocene—. Britain (Crag).

#### STYLOPTYGMA, Adams. 1860.

*Shell* pupiform, semi-transparent; with slightly convex whorls. Aperture sub-quadrate.

#### MYONIA, Adams.

*Shell* ovate, turreted; white, thin, with slightly convex whorls. Aperture oblong.

#### LEUCOTINA, Adams.

*Shell* like last, but with last whorl ventricose; with minute dots.

#### STILIFER, Brod.

*Example*, *S. astericola*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 15.

*Synonym*, *Stylina*, Fleming.

*Shell* hyaline, globular or subulate, apex tapering, styliform, nucleus sinistral.

*Animal* with slender, cylindrical tentacles, and small sessile eyes at their outer bases; mantle thick, reflected over the last whorls of the shell; foot large, with a frontal lobe. Branchial plume single. Attached to the spines of sea-urchins, or immersed in living star-fishes and corals.

*Distribution*, 16 species. West Indies, Britain, Philippines, Gallapagos, Pacific.

#### LOXONEMA, Phillips.

*Etymology*, *loxos*, oblique, and *nema*, thread; in allusion to the striated surface of many species.

*Type*, *L. sinuata*, U. Devonian, Petherwin.

*Shell* elongated, many-whorled; aperture simple, attenuated above, effused below, with a sigmoidal edge to the outer lip.

*Fossil*, 75 species. L. silurian—Trias. North America, Europe.

#### MACROCHEILUS, Phillips.

*Etymology*, *macros*, long, and *cheilos*, lip.

*Synonym*, *Polyphemopsis*, Portlock.

*Shell* thick, ventricose, buccinoid; aperture simple, effuse

below; outer lip thin, inner lip wanting, columella callous, slightly tortuous.

*Type*, *M. arcuatus*, Schlotheim species. Devonian. Eifel.

*Distribution*, 1 species (*M. Japonicus*), Korea Straits.

*Fossil*, 12 species. Devonian—Carboniferous. Britain, Belgium.

### FAMILY III.—CERITHIADÆ. Cerites.

*Shell* spiral, elongated, many-whorled, frequently varicose; aperture channeled in front, with a less distinct posterior canal; lip generally expanded in the adult; operculum horny and spiral.

*Animal* with a short muzzle, not retractile; tentacles distant, slender; eyes on short pedicels, connate with the tentacles; mantle-margin with a rudimentary siphonal fold; tongue armed with a single series of median teeth, and three laterals or uncini. Mr. Wilton has examined the dentition of four *Cerithiadae*; the teeth are broad, as in *Melaniadae*, with incurved and dentated summits. In *Cerithidium* the median teeth are slender with minute hooks. *Habitat*. Marine, estuary, or fresh water.

#### CERITHIUM (Adans.), Bruguiere.

*Etymology*, *ceration*, a small horn.

*Type*, *C. nodulosum*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 16.

*Shell* turreted, many-whorled, with indistinct varices; aperture small, with a tortuous canal in front; outer lip expanded; inner lip thickened; operculum horny, paucispiral. Pl. VIII., Fig. 16.\*

*Distribution*, 136 species. World-wide, the typical species tropical. Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, West Indies, India, Australia, China, Pacific, Gallapagos.

*Fossil*, 460 species. Trias—. Britain, France, United States, &c.

*Sub-genera*. *Rhinoclavis*, Sw. *C. vertagus*. Canal long, bent abruptly; operculum, sub-spiral.

*Bittium*, Leach. *C. reticulatum*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 17. Small northern species, ranging from low water to 80 fathoms.

*Triforis*, Deshayes. *C. perversum*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 18. 30 species. Norway—Australia.

*Fossil*, Eocene—. Britain, France.

*Shell* sinistral; anterior and posterior canals tubular. The third canal is only accidentally present, forming part of a varix.

*Cerithiopsis*, Forbes. *C. tuberculare*, Britain.

Shell like *bittium*; proboscis retractile; operculum pointed, nucleus apical. Range 4—40 fathoms.

POTAMIDES, Brongniart. Fresh-water Cerites.

*Etymology*, *potamos*, a river, and *ides*, patronymic termination.

*Type*, *P. Lamarckii*, Brong. (= *Cerit. tuberculatum*, Brard.)

*Example*, *P. mixtus*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 19.

*Synonyms*, *Tympanotomus*, Klein, *C. fuscum*, Africa. *Pirenella*, Risso, *C. mammillatum*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 22.

Shell like *cerithium*, but without varices in the very numerous typical fossil species; epidermis thick, olive brown; operculum orbicular, many-whorled.

*Distribution*, 41 species. California, Africa, India. In the mud of the Indus they are mixed with species of *ampullaria*, *venus*, *purpura*, *ostrea*, &c. (Major W. E. Baker.)

*Fossil* (species included with *cerithium*), Eocene—. Europe.

*Sub-genera*, *Cerithidea*, Sw., *C. decollata*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 24. Aperture rounded; lip expanded, flattened. Inhabit salt marshes,

mangrove swamps, and the mouths of rivers; they are so commonly out of the water as to have been taken for land-shells. Mr. Adams noticed them in the fresh waters of the interior of Borneo, creeping on *pontederia* and sedges; they often suspend themselves by glutinous threads (Fig. 97).

*Distribution*, India, Ceylon, Singapore, Borneo, Philippines, Port Essington.

*Terebralia*, Sw. *Cerith. telescopium*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 21.

Shell pyramidal; columella with a prominent fold, more or less continuous towards the apex; and a second, less distinct, on the basal front of the whorls (as in *neritina* (Fig. 98). India, North Australia.

*T. telescopium* is so abundant near Calcutta as to be used for burning into lime; great heaps of it are first exposed to the sun, to kill the animals. They have been brought alive to England. (Benson.)

*Pyrazus*, Montfort. *Cerit. palustre*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 20.

Shell with numerous indistinct varices; canal straight, often tubular; outer lip expanded. India, North Australia.

\* *C. obtusa*, Lam. sp. copied from Adams.



Fig. 97. *Cerithidea*.\*

*Cerith. radulum* and *granulatum* of the West African rivers approach very near the fossil *potamides*, but they have numerous varices.

*Lampania*, Gray (*batillaria*, Cantor). *Cerith. zonale*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 23.

*Shell* without varices, canal straight. Chusan.

The fossil *potamides decussatus*, Brug., of the Paris basin, resembles this section, and retains its spiral red bands.



### NERINÆA, DeFrance.

*Etymology*, *nereis*, a sea-nymph.

*Example*, *N. trachea*. Fig. 98.

*Shell* elongated; many-whorled, nearly cylindrical; aperture channeled in front; interior with continuous ridges on the columella and whorls.

*Fossil*, 150 species. Inf. oolite—U. chalk. Britain, France, Germany, Spain, and Portugal. They are most abundant, and attain the largest size to the south; and usually occur in calcareous strata, associated with shallow-water shells. (Sharpe.)

*Sub-genera*. 1. *Nerinæa*. Folds simple: 2—3 on the columella; 1—2 on the outer wall; columella solid, or perforated. Above 50 species.

2. *Nerinella* (Sharpe), columella solid; folds simple; columellar, 0—1; outer wall, 1.

3. *Trochalia* (Sharpe), columella perforated, with one fold; outer wall simple, or thickened, or with one fold; folds simple.

4. *Ptygmatis* (Sharpe), columella solid or perforated, usually with 3 folds; outer wall with 1—3 folds, some of them complicated in form.

### ? FASTIGIELLA, Reeve.

*Type*, *F. carinata*, Reeve.

*Shell* like turritella; aperture with a short canal in front (Cuming Museum, and British Museum).

*Fossil*, Eocene. Paris (*Cerithium rugosum*, Lam.).

### APORRHAI, Aldrovandus.

*Etymology*, *aporrhais* (Aristotle), “spout-shell,” from *aporrhoo*, to flow away.

\* Fig. 98. *Nerinæa trachea*, Desl., partly ground down to show the form of the interior. Bath oolite, Ranville. Communicated by John Morris, Esq.

*Synonym*, *Chenopus*, Philippi.

*Type*, *A. pes-pelecani*. Pl. IV., Fig. 7, and Fig. 99.

*Shell* with an elongated spire; whorls numerous, tuberculated; aperture narrow, with a short canal in front; outer lip of the adult expanded and lobed or digitated; operculum pointed, lamellar.

*Animal* with a short broad muzzle; tentacles cylindrical, bearing the eyes on prominences near their bases, outside; foot short, angular in front; branchial plume single, long;

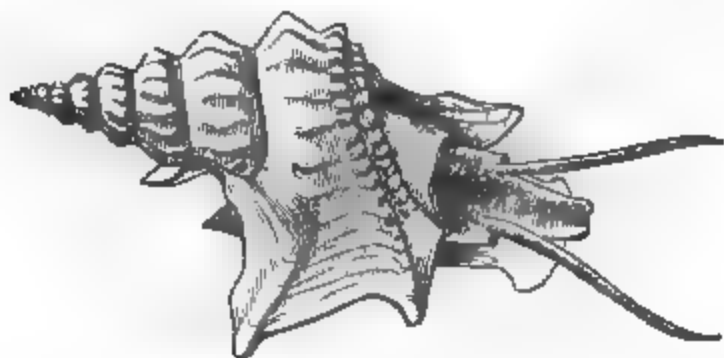


Fig. 99.\*

lingual ribbon linear; teeth single, hooked, denticulated; uncini 3, the first transverse, 2 and 3 claw-shaped (Fig. 100). The dentition of *Aporrhais* is most like *Strombus* and *Carinaria*; and quite unlike the *Cerithiadae* with which it has been placed,

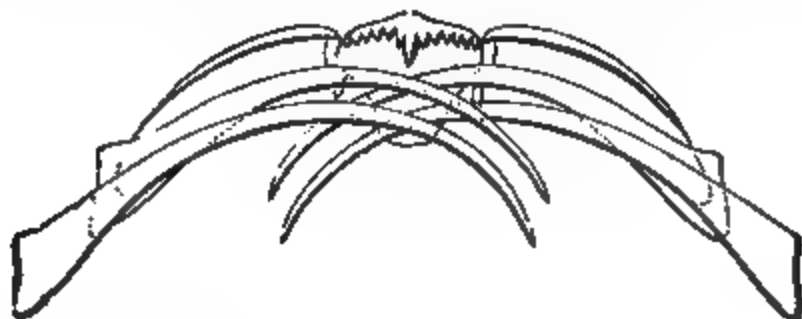


Fig. 100. *Aporrhais pes-pelecani*. (Warrington.)

in accordance with the views of Professor Forbes. The animal is carnivorous.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Labrador, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, West Africa. Range 100 fathoms.

*Fossil*; see *Pteroceras* and *Rostellaria*; above 200 species, ranging from the lias to the chalk, probably belong to this genus, or to genera not yet constituted.

\* Fig. 99. *Aporrhais pes-pelecani*, L., from a drawing by Joshua Alder, Esq., in the "British Mollusca."



## STRUTHIOLARIA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *struthio*, an ostrich (-foot), from the form of its aperture.

*Type*, *S. straminea*, Pl. IV., Fig. 6.

*Shell* turreted; whorls angular; aperture truncated in front; columella very oblique; outer lip prominent in the middle, reflected and thickened in the adult; inner lip callous, expanded; operculum claw-shaped, curved inwards, with a projection from the outer, concave edge (Fig. 101).



Fig. 101.  
Operculum of  
*Struthiolaria*.

*Animal* with an elongated muzzle? tentacles cylindrical; eye-pedicels short, adnate with the tentacles, externally; foot broad and short. (Kiener.)

*Distribution*, 5 species. Australia and New Zealand, where alone it occurs sub-fossil.

## FAMILY IV.—MELANIADÆ.

*Shell* spiral, turreted; with a thick, dark epidermis; aperture often channeled, or notched in front; outer lip acute; operculum horny, spiral. The spire is often extensively eroded by the acidity of the water in which the animals live.

*Animal* with a broad non-retractile muzzle; tentacles distant, subulate; eyes on short stalks, united to the outer sides of the tentacles; foot broad and short, angulated in front; mantle-margin fringed; tongue long and linear, with a median and 3 lateral series of hooked multi-cuspid teeth. Often viviparous. Inhabiting fresh-water lakes and rivers throughout the warmer parts of the world.

## MELANIA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *melania*, blackness (from *melas*).

*Type*, *M. amarula*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 25.

*Synonyms*, *Thiara*, Megerle. *Pyrgula*, Crist.

*Shell* turreted, apex acute (unless eroded); whorls ornamented with striæ or spines; aperture oval, pointed above; outer lip sharp, sinuous; operculum subspiral. Pl. VIII., Fig. 25.\*

*Distribution*, 361 species. South Europe, India, Philippines, Pacific Islands. Distinct groups in the southern States of North America.

*Fossil*, 25 species. Wealden—. Europe (v. *chemnitzia*).

*Sub-genera*. *Melanatria*, Bowdich. *M. fluminea*.\* Pl. VIII., Fig. 26. Aperture somewhat produced in front; operculum with rather numerous whorls. This section includes some of the largest species of the genus, and is well typified by the fossil, *M. Sowerbii* (cerit. *melanoides*, Sby.), of the Woolwich sands. Old World, India, Philippines.

*Vibex*, Oken, *V. fuscatus*, Pl. VIII., Fig. 29. *V. auritus*. West Africa. Whorls spirally ridged, or muricated; aperture broadly channeled in front.

*Ceriphasia*, Sw., *C. sulcata*. North America. Aperture like *vibex*; slightly notched near the suture.

*Hemisinus*, Sw., *H. lineolatus*. West Indies. Aperture channeled in front.

*Melafusus*, Sw, (Io, Lea. *Glottella*, Gray.) *M. fluviatilis*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 27. United States. Aperture produced into a spout in front.

*Melâtoma*, Anthony (not Sw.) *M. altilis*.

*Shell* like *anculotus*; with a deep slit at the suture. United States.

*Anculotus*, Say. *A. præmorsus*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 28.

*Shell* globular; spire very short; outer lip produced. United States.

*Amnicola*, G. and H. *A. isogona*. Pl. IX., Fig. 23. United States; inhabits the fresh waters of New England, gregarious on stones and submerged plants.

*Chilostoma*, Desh. *M. marginata*, Eocene. Paris. Peristome thickened externally, all round.

*Clea*, Bens. *C. annesleyi*. South India.

#### PALUDOMUS, Swainson.

*Etymology*, *palus*, a marsh, and *domus*, home.

*Synonyms*, *Tanalia*, Gray. *Hemimitra*, Sw.

*Type*, *P. aculeatus*, Gm. species. Pl. IX., Fig. 34.

*Shell* turbinated, smooth, or coronated; outer lip crenulated; olivaceous with dark brown spiral lines.

*Distribution*, 25 species. Ceylon (Himalaya?) in the mountain-streams, sometimes at an elevation of 6,000 feet. The Himalayan species (*melania conica*, Gray, *hemimitra retusa*, Sw., and several others), referred to this genus, have a concentric operculum, like *paludina*.

\* This is a good section of *melania*, but Mr. Gray's type does not well represent it, being more like a *pirena* in the form of its aperture.

## MELANOPSIS, Lam.

*Types*, *M. buccinoides*, *M. costata*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 30.

*Shell* body-whorl elongated; spire short and pointed; aperture distinctly notched in front; inner lip callous; operculum sub-spiral.

*Distribution*, 21 species. Spain, Asia Minor, New Zealand.

*Fossil*, 25 species. Eocene—. Europe.

*Sub-genus*. *Pirena*, Lam, (faunus, Montfort) *P. atra*. Pl. VIII., Fig. 31. Spire elongated, many-whorled; outer lip of



Fig. 102. *Pirena atra*. (Wilton.)

the adult produced. Teeth 3. 1. 3, as in Fig. 102.

*Distribution*, 4 species? South Africa, Madagascar, Ceylon, Philippines.

## FAMILY V.—TURRITELLIDÆ.

*Shell* tubular, or spiral; upper part partitioned off; aperture simple; operculum horny, many-whorled.

*Animal* with a short muzzle; eyes immersed, at the outer bases of the tentacles; mantle-margin fringed; foot very short; branchial plume single; tongue armed; dentition 3. 1. 3.

## TURRITELLA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *turris*, a tower.

*Synonyms*, *Terebellum*, *Torcula*, *Zaria*, and *Eglisia* (Gray.)

*Type*, *T. imbricata*. Pl. IX., Fig. 1.

*Shell* elongated, many-whorled, spirally striated; aperture rounded, margin thin; operculum horny, many-whorled, with a fimbriated margin.

*Animal* with long, subulate tentacles; eyes slightly prominent; foot truncated in front, rounded behind, grooved beneath; branchial plume very long; lingual ribbon minute; median teeth hooked, denticulated; uncini 3, serrulated. Carnivorous?

*Distribution*, 73 species. World-wide. Ranging from the Laminarian Zone to 100 fathoms. West Indies, United States, Britain (1 species), Iceland, Mediterranean, West Africa, China, Australia, West America.

*Fossil*, 172 species. Neocomian—. Britain, &c., South America, Australia, Java.

*Sub-genera.* *Proto*, Defr., *P. cathedralis*, Pl. IX., Fig. 3, aperture truncated below.

*Mesalia*, Gray, *M. sulcata* (var.), Pl. IX., Fig. 2. Greenland—South Africa.

*Fossil*, Eocene. Britain, France.

#### CÆCUM, Fleming.

*Synonyms*, *Corniculina*, Münster. *Brochus*, Bronn. *Odontidium*, Phil.

*Type*, *C. trachea*, Pl. IX., Fig. 5. Young species, Fig. 6.

*Shell* at first discoidal, becoming decollated when adult; tubular, cylindrical, arched; aperture round, entire; apex closed by a mammillated septum. Operculum horny, many-whorled. Lingual teeth, 0; uncini, 2, the inner broad and serrulated.

*Distribution*, Britain, 11 species, 10 fathoms. Mediterranean.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Eocene—. Britain, Castellarquato.

#### VERMETUS, Adanson. Worm-shell.

*Synonyms*, *Siphonium*, Gray. *Serpuloides*, Sassi.

*Types*, *V. lumbricalis*, Pl. IX., Fig. 7.

*Shell* tubular, attached; sometimes regularly spiral when young; always irregular in its adult growth; tube repeatedly partitioned off; aperture round; operculum circular, concave externally.

*Distribution*, 31 species. Portugal, Mediterranean, Africa, India.

*Fossil*, 12 species. Neocomian—. Britain, France, &c.

? *Sub-genus*. *Spiroglyphus*, Daud. *S. spirorbis* Dillwyn species, irregularly tubular; attached to other shells, and half buried in a furrow which it makes as it grows. Perhaps an annelide?

*Petaloconchus*, *sculpturatus*, Lea, 1843.

*Miocene*, United States, St. Domingo, South Europe.

*Shell* with two internal ridges running spirally along the columella, becoming obsolete near the apex and aperture.

#### SILICUARIA, Brug.

*Etymology*, *siliqua*, a pod.

*Typo*, *S. anguina*, Pl. IX., Fig. 8.

*Shell* tubular; spiral at first, irregular afterwards; tube with a continuous longitudinal slit.

*Distribution*, 8 species. Mediterranean, North Australia. Found in sponges.

*Fossil*, 10 species. Eocene—. France, &c.

## SCALARIA, Lam. Wentle-trap.

*Etymology*, *scalaris*, like a ladder.

*Type*, *S. pretiosa*, Pl. IX., Fig. 9. (= *T. scalaris*, L.)

*Shell* mostly pure white and lustrous; turreted; many-whorled; whorls round, sometimes separate, ornamented with numerous transverse ribs; aperture round; peristome continuous; operculum horny, few-whorled.

*Animal* with a retractile proboscis-like mouth; tentacles close together, long and pointed, with the eyes near their outer bases; mantle-margin simple, with a rudimentary siphonal fold; foot obtusely triangular, with a fold (*mentum*) in front. Lingual dentition nearly as in *bulia*; teeth 0; uncini numerous, simple; sexes distinct; predacious? Range from low water to 80 fathoms. The animal exudes a purple fluid when molested.

*Distribution*, 104 species. Mostly tropical. Greenland, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, West Indies, China, Australia, Pacific, West America.

*Fossil*, nearly 100 species. Coral-rag—. Britain, North America, Chili, India.

## FAMILY VI.—LITTORINIDÆ.

*Shell* spiral, turbinated or depressed, never pearly; aperture rounded; peristome entire; operculum horny, pauci-spiral.

*Animal* with a muzzle-shaped head, and eyes sessile at the outer bases of the tentacles; tongue long, armed with a median series of broad, hooked teeth, and 3 oblong, hooked uncini. Branchial plume single. Foot with a linear duplication in front, and a groove along the sole. Mantle with a rudimentary siphonal canal; operculum lobe appendaged.

The species inhabit the sea, or brackish water, and are mostly littoral, feeding on algæ.

## LITTORINA, Férussac. Periwinkle.

*Etymology*, *littoralis*, belonging to the sea-shore.

*Type*, *L. littorea*, Pl. IX., Fig. 10.

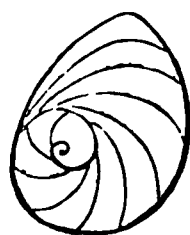


Fig 103.

*Shell* turbinated, thick, pointed, few-whorled; aperture rounded, outer lip acute, columella rather flattened, imperforate, operculum pauci-spiral, Fig. 103. Lingual teeth hooked and trilobed; uncini hooked and dentated (Fig. 104).

*Distribution*, 131 species. The periwinkles are found on the sea shore in all parts of the world. In the Baltic they live

within the influence of fresh water, and frequently become distorted; similar monstrosities are found in the Norwich crag.

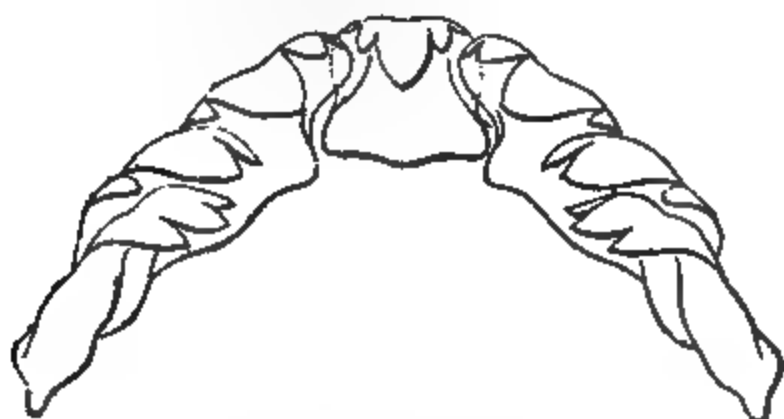


Fig. 104. *Littorina littorea*. (Warington.)

The common species (*L. littorea*) is oviparous; it inhabits the lowest zones of sea-weed between tide-marks. An allied species

- r, rostrum or muzzle.
- k, buccal mass.
- g, nervous ganglia (reproductive orifice, on the right side).
- s, salivary gland.
- e, cesophagus.
- l, lingual coil.
- m, shell-muscle.
- b, branchia or gill.
- c, heart.
- n, aorta.
- e, stomach.
- f, liver.
- k, biliary canal.
- i, intestine.
- a, anus.
- o, ovary.
- d, oviduct.
- u, uterus.
- o', ovarian orifice.
- x, renal organ.
- y, mucus gland.

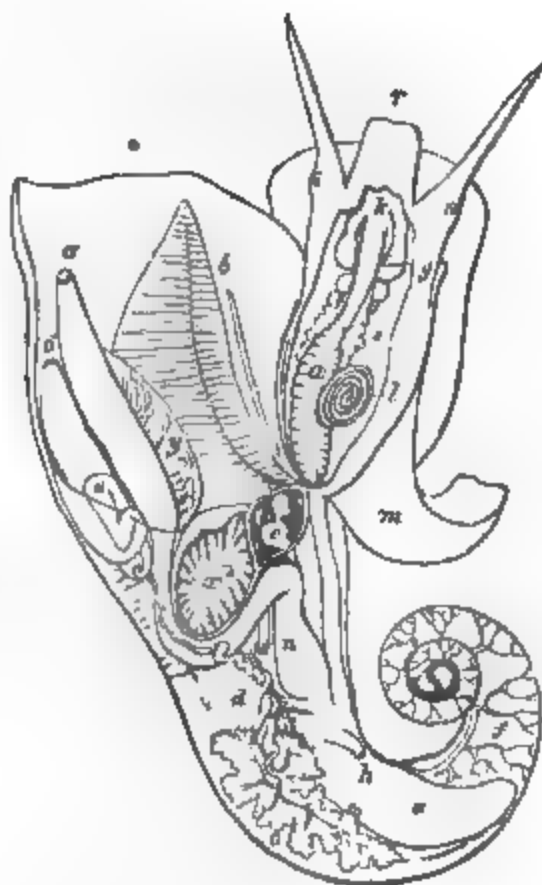


Fig. 105. *Littorina littorea* ♀: (after Souleyet). Animal removed from its shell; branchial cavity and back laid open.

(*L. rudis*) frequents a higher region, where it is scarcely reached by the tide; it is viviparous, and the young have a hard shell

before their birth, in consequence of which the species is not eaten. The tongue of the periwinkle is two inches long; its foot is divided by a longitudinal line, and in walking the sides advance alternately. The periwinkle and trochus are the food of the thrush, in the Hebrides, during winter. The lingual canal of the periwinkle passes from the back of the mouth under the œsophagus for a short distance, then turns up on the right side, and terminates in a coil (like spare rope) resting on the plaited portion of the gullet. It is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, and contains about 600 rows of teeth; the part in use, arming the tongue, comprises about 24 rows.\* The dental ribbon of *Risella* is above 2 inches long, and coiled as in *Littorina*. (Wilton.)

*Fossil*, 10 species? Miocene—. Britain, &c. It is probable that a large proportion of the oolite and cretaceous shells

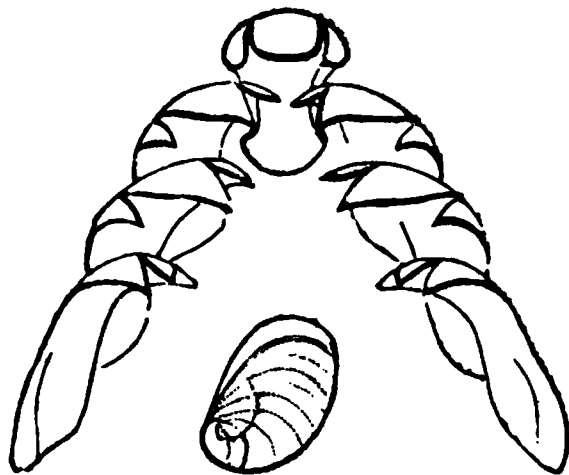


Fig. 106. Operculum and teeth of *Risella*. (Wilton.) The central tooth should be pointed, not blunt as in the figure.

referred to *turbo* belong to this genus, and especially to the section *tectaria*.

*Sub-genera*. *Tectaria*, Cuvier, 1817 (= *Pagodella*, Sw.), L. pagodus, Pl. IX., Fig. 11.

*Shell* muricated or granulated; sometimes with an umbilical fissure; operculum with a broad, membranous border. West Indies, Zanzibar, Pacific.

*Modulus*, Gray. M. Tectum, Pl. IX., Fig. 13.

*Shell* trochiform or naticoid; porcellanous; columella perforated; inner lip worn or toothed; operculum horny, few-whorled.

\* For Fig. 105 is shown the manner in which a gasteropod may be laid out for examination, *under water*; the body requires to be fixed, and the cut edges of the mantle to be kept open with needle points. A convenient trough may be made of a plain earthenware *soap-dish*, by cutting a piece of sheet-cork (such as bootmakers use) to fit the bottom, and fixing it to a piece of sheet-lead of the same size with a couple of india rubber bands. The instruments required for dissecting are simply a pair of *fine-pointed scissors*, a few broken needles, a penknife, or scalpel, and a pair of forceps *with fine curved points*.

*Distribution*, Philippines, West America.

*Fossarus* (Adans.), Philippi. *F. sulcatus*, Pl. IX., Fig. 12.

*Synonym*, *Phasianema*, Wood.

*Shell* perforated; inner lip thin; operculum not spiral.

*Distribution*, Mediterranean.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Miocene—. Britain, Mediterranean.

*Risella*, Gray. *Lit., melanostoma*, Pl. IX., Fig. 14.

*Shell* trochiform, with a flat or concave base; whorls keeled; aperture rhombic, dark or variegated, operculum pauci-spiral.

*Distribution*, New Zealand.

*Conradia*, Adams. Aperture circular. 3 species, Japanese seas.

*Couthouya*, Adams. *Shell* ovate, with an acute spine; aperture semi-oval. 1 species, Japanese seas.

### SOLARIUM, Lam. Stair-case shell.

*Etymology*, *solarium*, a dial.

*Synonyms*, *architectoma*, Bolten. *Philippia*, Gray. *Helicocryptus*, D'Orbigny?

*Type*, *S. perspectivum*, Pl. IX., Fig. 15.

*Shell* orbicular, depressed; umbilicus wide and deep; aperture rhombic; peristome thin; operculum horny, sub-spiral.

The spiral edges of the whorls, seen in the umbilicus, have been fancifully compared to a winding stair-case.

*Distribution*, 25 species. Tropical seas. Mediterranean, East Africa, India, China, Japan, Australia, Pacific, West America.

*Fossil*, 56 species. Eocene—. Britain, &c. 26 other species (oolites—chalk) are provisionally referred to this genus; the cretaceous species are *nacreous* (v. *trochus*).

*Sub-genera*. *Torinia*, Gray. *T. cylindracea*, operculum conical, multi-spiral, with projecting edges, Fig. 107. Living, New Ireland.

*Fossil*, Eocene. Britain, Paris.

*Bifrontia*, Desh. (*Omalaxis*, Desh.) *S. bifrons*, discoidal, the last whorl disengaged. 1 recent species. Madeira.

*Fossil*, 6 species. Eocene. Paris, Britain.

? *Orbis*, Lea. Discoidal, whorls quadrate.

*Fossil*, Eocene. America.

*Discohelix* (*calculiformis*) Dunker, 1851. *Lias*, Gottingen. This name was proposed for the depressed *Euomphali* of the Lower Oolites, of which there are several species in Normandy and England.

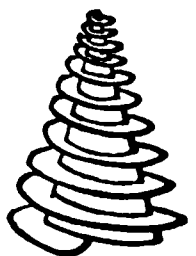


Fig. 107.\*

\* Operculum of *S. patulum*, Lam.  $\frac{3}{4}$ , from Deshayes.



*Shell* usually sinistral, flat, or concave above; aperture quadrangular.

*Platystoma* (Suessi) Hörnes, 1855. *Trias*, Hallstadt.

*Shell* discoidal, sinistral? sculptured; peristome suddenly expanded, plain; aperture with an inner rim, circular, and deflected (upwards) at right angles to the plane of the shell. Several examples have occurred.

*Philippia* (lutea) Gray, has a multi-spiral operculum, and the animal is like *Trochus*. (Philippi.)

*Paludestrina* (lapidum) D'Orbigny part. Fresh waters of South America.

*Shell* conic, few-whorled, epidermis green; aperture oblique, peristome abruptly reflected; operculum claw-like. The typical species appear to be *Melaniadae*, but some small shells like *Hydrobia* have been included in the genus.

### PHORUS, Montfort. Carrier-shell.

*Etymology*, *phoreus*, a carrier.

*Synonyms*, *Onustus*, Humph., *Xenophorus*, Fischer.

*Examples*, *P. conchyliophorus*, Born. *P. corrugatus*, Pl. X., Fig. 1.

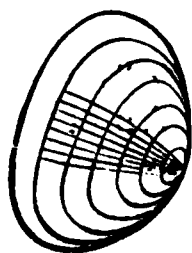


Fig. 108.

*Shell* trochiform, concave beneath; whorls flat, with foliaceous or stellated margins, to which shells, stones, &c., are usually affixed; aperture very oblique, not pearly; outer lip thin, much produced above, receding far beneath; operculum horny, imbricated, nucleus external, as in *purpura* and *paludomus*, with the transverse scar seen through it, Fig. 108. (Museum Cuming.)

*Animal* with an elongated (non-retractile?) proboscis; tentacles long and slender, with sessile eyes at their outer bases; sides plain; foot narrow, elongated behind.—Adams. Related to *scalaria*?

Most of the phori attach foreign substances to the margins of their shells as they grow, particular species affecting stones, whilst others prefer shells or corals. They are called “mineralogists” and “conchologists,” by collectors; *P. solaris* and *P. indicus* are nearly or quite free from these disguises. They are said to frequent rough bottoms, and to scramble over the ground, like the strombs, rather than glide evenly.

*Distribution*, 9 species. West Indies, India, Malacca, Philippines, China, and West America.

*Fossil*, 15 species. Chalk?—Eocene—. Britain and France.

Shells extremely like the recent *phorus*, are met with even in the carb. limestone and lias.

#### LACUNA, Turton.

*Etymology*, *lacuna*, a fissure.

*Type*, *L. pallidula* (Pl. IX., Fig. 16).

*Synonym*, *Medoria*, Gray.

*Shell* turbinated, thin; aperture semi-lunar; columella flattened, with an umbilical fissure; operculum pauci-spiral.

*Animal*; operculigerous lobe furnished with lateral wings and tentacular filaments. Teeth 5 cusped; uncini 1, 2, dentated, 3 simple. Spawn (*ootheca*) vermiform, thick, semi-circular. Range, low water—50 fathoms.

*Distribution*, 16 species. Northern shores, Norway, Britain, Spain.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Glacial beds, Scotland.

#### LITIOPA, Rang.

*Etymology*, *litos*, simple, *ope*, aperture.

*Type*, *L. bombyx* (Pl. IX., Fig. 24).

*Shell* minute, pointed; aperture slightly notched in front; outer lip simple, thin; inner lip reflected; operculum spiral.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Atlantic and Mediterranean, on floating sea-weed, to which they adhere by threads.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Pliocene (Crag).

#### RISOA, Frémenville.

*Etymology*, named after Risso,\* a French zoologist.

*Type*, *R. labiosa* (Pl. IX., Fig. 17).

*Synonym*, *Cingula*, Flem.

*Shell* minute, white or horny; conical, pointed, many-whorled; smooth, ribbed, or cancellated; aperture rounded; peristome entire, continuous; outer lip slightly expanded and thickened; operculum sub-spiral.

The animal has long, slender tentacles, with eyes on small prominences near their outer bases; the foot is pointed behind; the operculigerous lobe has a wing-like process and a filament (*cirrus*) on each side. Lingual teeth single, sub-quadrate, hooked, dentated; uncini 3; 1 dentated, 2, 3, claw-shaped. They range from high-water to 100 fathoms, but abound most in shallow water, near shore, on beds of *fucus* and *zostera*.

*Distribution*, about 70 species. Universally distributed, but

\* It is much to be regretted that some modern naturalists have tried to find out and bring into use the obscure genera of Risso, and the worthless fabrications of Montfort and Rafinesque, which had better have remained unknown.

most abundant in the north temperate zone. North America, West Indies, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Caspian, India, &c. *Rissoa parva* adheres to sea-weeds by threads, like *litiopa*. (Gray.)

*Fossil*, 100 species. Permian—. Britain, France, &c.

*Sub-genera*. *Rissoina*, D'Orbigny. Aperture channelled in front. 66 living species. *Fossil* (10 species Bath oolite.—Britain.) = *Tuba*, Lea? America.

*Hydrobia*, Hartm. (= *Paludinella*, Lovén.) *Shell* smooth; foot rounded behind; operculigerous lobe without filament. *Type*, *littorina ulvæ* (Pl. IX., Fig. 18). *Distribution*, 50 species. *Fossil*, 10 species. Wealden—. Britain, &c.

*Syncera*, Gray (Assimineæ, Leach). *S. hepatica*. *Shell* like *Hydrobia*; tentacles connate with the eye pedicels, which equal them in length. Teeth 5—7 cusped; uncini 1, 2, dentated, 3 rounded. *Distribution*, 2 species, brackish water. Britain and India.

*Nematura*, Benson. *N. deltæ* (Pl. IX., Fig. 21.) Aperture contracted; peristome entire; operculum pauci-spiral. *Fossil*, Eocene. Isle of Wight.

*Jeffreysia*, Alder (= *Rissoëlla*, Gray, MS.), *J. diaphana*. *Shell* minute, translucent; operculum semilunar, imbricated, with a projection from the straight, inner side (Pl. IX., Fig. 19). Head elongated, deeply cleft, and produced into two tentacular processes; mouth armed with denticulated jaws, and a spinous tongue; tentacles linear, eyes far behind, prominent, only visible through the shell; foot bi-lobed in front. 6 species. Britain. On sea-weed, near low-water. (Alder.) There are eight other species in the Japanese seas.

#### SKENEÆ, Fleming.

*Etymology*, named after Dr. Skene, of Aberdeen, a contemporary of Linnæus.

*Synonym*, *Delphinoïdea*, Brown.

*Type*, *S. planorbis* (Pl. IX., Fig. 20).

*Shell* minute orbicular, depressed, few-whorled; peristome continuous, entire, round; operculum pauci-spiral. *Animal* like *rissoa*, foot rounded behind. Found under stones at low-water, and amongst the roots of *corallina officinalis*.

*Distribution*, ? species. Northern seas, Norway, and Britain. *S. cornuella*, Straits of Korea (Adams).

#### ? TRUNCATELLA, Risso. Looping-snail.

*Type*, *T. truncatula* (Pl. IX., Fig. 25). (Mus., Hanley)

*She* minute, cylindrical, truncated; whorls striated transversely; aperture oval, entire; peristome continuous; operculum sub-spiral!

*Animal* with short, diverging triangular tentacles; eyes centrally behind; head bi-lobed; foot short, rounded at each end. (Forbes.)

The *truncatellæ* are found on stones and sea-weeds between tide-marks, and survive many weeks out of the water. (Lowe.) They walk by contracting the space between their lips and foot, like the geometric caterpillars. (Gray.) They are found semi-fossil along with the human skeletons in the modern limestone of Guadaloupe.

*Distribution*, 15 species. West Indies, Britain, Mediterranean, Rio, Cape, Mauritius, Philippines, Australia, Pacific. (Cuming.)

### ? LITHOGLYPHUS, Megerle.

*Type*, *L. fuscus* (Pl. IX., Fig. 22).

*Shell* naticoid, often eroded; whorls few, smooth; aperture large, entire; peristome continuous, outer line sharp, inner lip callous; umbilicus rimate; epidermis olivaceous; operculum pauci-spiral.

*Distribution*, 5 species. Europe and Oregon.

## FAMILY VII.—PALUDINIDÆ.

*Shell* conical or globular, with a thick, olive-green epidermis; aperture rounded; peristome continuous, entire; operculum horny or shelly, normally concentric.

*Animal* with a broad muzzle; tentacles long and slender; eyes on short pedicels, outside the tentacles. Inhabiting fresh waters in all parts of the world.

### PALUDINA, Lam. River-snail.

*Etymology*, *palus* (*paludis*), a marsh.

*Synonym*, *Viviparus*, Gray.

*Type*, *P. Listeri* (Pl. IX., Fig. 26). (*P. vivipara*, Fig. 68.)

*Shell* turbinated, with round whorls; aperture slightly angular behind; peristome continuous, entire; operculum horny, concentric. *Animal* with a long muzzle, and very short eye-pedicels; neck with a small lappet on the left side, and a larger on the right, folded to form a respiratory siphon; gill comb-like, single; tongue short; teeth single, oval, slightly hooked and denticulated; uncini 3, oblong, denticulated. The paludinæ are

mely elongated, slender. Inhabits lakes and rivers throughout the warmer parts of the world, retiring deep into the mud in the dry season, and capable of surviving a drought, or even from the water for many years. In the lake Mareotis, and at the mouth of the Indus, ampullariæ are abundant, mixed with marine shells. Their eggs are large, enclosed in capsules,

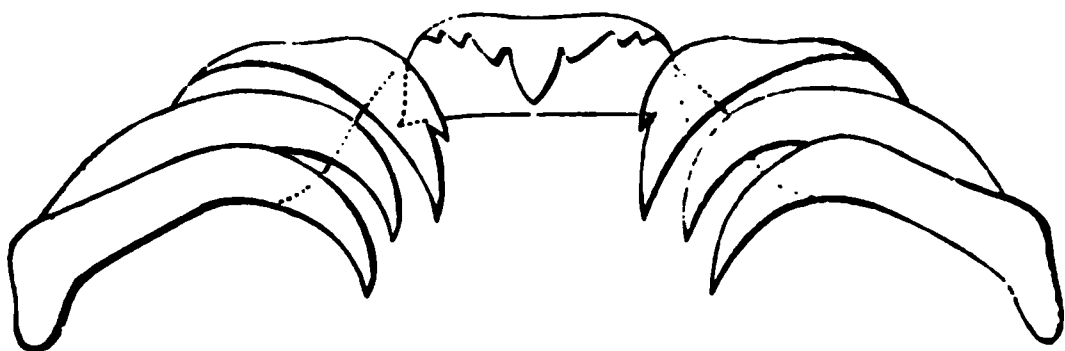


Fig. 110. *Ampullaria globosa*. (Wilton.)

and aggregated in globular masses. The dentition of *A. globosa* is shown in Fig. 110.

*Distribution*, 136 species. South America, West Indies, Africa, India.

*Sub-genera*. *Pomus*, Humph. *A. ampullacea*. Operculum horny.

*Marisa*, Gray (ceratodes, Guilding). *A. cornu-arietes* (Pl. IX., Fig. 31). Operculum horny. *Shell* discoidal.

*Asolene*, D'Orbigny. *A. plateæ*. Animal without a respiratory siphon; operculum shelly. *Distribution*, South America.

*Lanistes*, Montf. *A. bolteniana*, L. (Pl. IX., Fig. 32). *Shell* reversed, umbilicated, peristome thin; operculum horny. *Distribution*, West Africa, Zanzibar, Nile.

*Meladomus*, Sw. *Paludina olivacea*, Sby. *Shell* reversed, imperforate; peristome thin; operculum horny.

#### ? AMPHIBOLA, Schumacher.

*Synonyms*, Ampullacera, Quoy. Thallicera, Sw.

*Type*, *A. australis* (Pl. IX., Fig. 33).

*Shell* globular, with an uneven, battered surface; columella fissured; outer lip channeled near the suture; operculum horny, sub-spiral. *Animal* without tentacles; eyes placed on round lobes; air-breathing; respiratory cavity closed, except a small valvular opening on the right side; a large gland occupies the position of the gill of paludina; sexes united. (Quoy.) Mr. Gray places this genus amongst the true *pulmonifera*.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Shores of New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. The living shells sometimes have *serpulæ* attached to them. (Cuming.) They are eaten by the New Zealanders.

## VALVATA, Müller. Valve-shell.

*Types*, *V. piscinalis* (Pl. IX., Fig. 28). *V. cristata* (Pl. IX., Fig. 29).

*Shell* turbinated, or discoidal, umbilicated; whorls round or keeled; aperture not modified by the last whorl; peristome entire; operculum horny, multi-spiral.

*Animal* with a produced muzzle; tentacles long and slender, eyes at their outer bases; foot bi-lobed in front; branchial plume long, pectinated, partially exerted on the right side, when the animal is walking. Lingual teeth broad; uncini 3, lanceolate; all hooked and denticulated.

*Distribution*, 18 species. Britain and North America.

*Fossil*, 19 species. Wealden—. Britain, Belgium, &c.

## FAMILY VIII.—NERITIDÆ.

*Shell* thick, semi-globose; spire very small; cavity simple, from the absorption of the internal portions of the whorls; aperture semi-lunate; columellar side expanded and flattened; outer



Fig. 111. \*

lip acute; operculum shelly, sub-spiral, articulated.

At each end of the columella there is an oblong muscular impression, connected on the outer side by a ridge, on which the operculum rests; within this ridge the inner layers of the shell are absorbed.

*Animal* with a broad, short muzzle, and long slender tentacles; eyes on prominent pedicels, at the outer bases of the tentacles; foot oblong, triangular. Lingual dentition similar to the *turbinidæ*. Teeth 7; uncini very numerous.

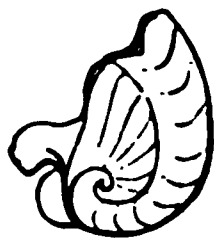
## NERITA, L. Nerite.

*Etymology*, *Nerites*, a sea-snail, from *nereis*.

*Type*, *N. ustulata* (Pl. IX., Fig. 35).

\* Fig. 111. *Nerita polita*, L. (from Quoy and Gaimard), New Ireland.

Shell thick, smooth or spirally grooved; epidermis horny; outer lip thickened and sometimes denticulated within; columella broad and flat, with its inner edge straight and toothed; operculum shelly, Fig. 112.



*Distribution*, 173 species. Nearly all warm seas. West Indies, Red Sea, Zanzibar, Philippines, Fig. 112.\* Australia, Pacific, West America. (Cuming.) Many of the American species dwell in the streams; one species at the Philippines sometimes climbs up trees.

*Fossil*, 60 species. Lias—. Britain, &c. The palæozoic nerites are referred by D'Orbigny to *turbo*, *natica*, &c. *N. haliotis* is a *pileopsis*.

*Sub-genera*. *Neritoma*, Morris, 1849. *N. sinuosa*, Sby. Portland stone, Swindon. (Mus., Lowe.) Shell ventricose, thick; apex eroded; aperture with a notch in the middle of the outer lip. Casts of this shell are common, and exhibit the condition of the interior characteristic of all the *nerites*; it was probably fresh water.

*Neritopsis*, Grateloup. *N. radula* (Pl. VIII., Fig. 9). Shell like *nerita*; inner lip with a single notch in the centre.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Pacific.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Trias? Britain, France, &c.

*Velates*, Montf. *N. perversa*, Gm. (Pl. IX., Fig. 36). Inner lip very thick and callous; outer lip prolonged behind, and partially enveloping the spire.

### PILEOLUS (Cookson), J. Sowerby.

*Etymology*, *pileolus*, a little cap.

*Type*, *P. plicatus* (Pl. IX., Figs. 37, 38).

Shell limpet-like above, with a sub-central apex; concave beneath, with a small semi-lunar aperture, and a columellar disc, surrounded by a broad, continuous peristome.

*Distribution*, marine; only known as fossils of the Bath oolite, Ancliffe, and Minchinhampton, 3 species, *P. neritoides* is a *neritina*.

### NERITINA, Lam. Fresh-water nerite.

*Examples*, *N. zebra* (Pl. IX., Fig. 39), *N. crepidularia* (Pl. IX., Fig. 40).

Shell rather thick at the aperture, but extensively absorbed inside; outer lip acute; inner straight, denticulated; operculum

\* Fig. 112. Operculum of *N. peloronta*. West Indies.

shelly, with a flexible border; slightly toothed on its straight edge.

*Animal* like *nerita*; lingual teeth; median, minute; laterals 3, 1 large, sub-triangular 2, 3 minute; uncini about 60, first very large, hooked, denticulated; the rest equal, narrow, hooked, denticulated.

The *neritinæ* are small globular shells, ornamented with a great variety of black or purple bands and spots, covered with a polished horny epidermis. They are mostly confined to the fresh waters of warm regions. One species (*N. fluviatilis*) is found in British rivers, and in the brackish water of the Baltic. Another extends its range into the brackish waters of the North American rivers; and the West Indian *N. viridis* and *meleagris* are found in the sea.

*N. crepidularia* has a continuous peristome, and approaches *navicella* in form; it is found in the brackish waters of India. *N. corona* (Madagascar) is ornamented with a series of long tubular spines.

*Distribution*, 111 species. West Indies, Norway, Britain, Black Sea, Caspian, India, Philippines, Pacific, West America.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Eocene—. Britain, France, &c.

### NAVICELLA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *navicella*, a small boat.

*Type*, *N. porcellana*. Pl. IX., Fig. 41.

*Shell*, oblong, smooth, limpet-like; with a posterior, sub-marginal apex; aperture as large as the shell, with a small

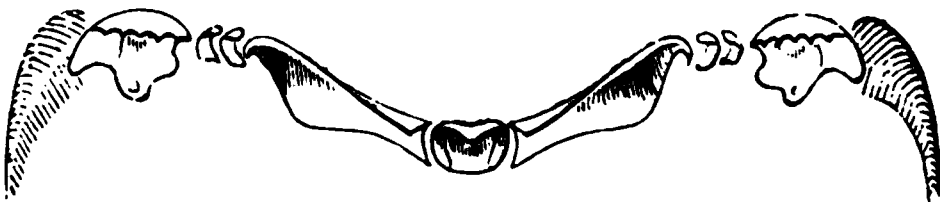


Fig. 113. *Navicella*. (Wilton.)

columellar shelf, and elongated lateral muscular scars; operculum very small, shelly.

*Distribution*, 33 species. India, Mauritius, Moluccas, Australia, Pacific.

*Navicella* inhabits fresh waters, adhering to stones and plants.

Median tooth small; laterals 3, first large, trapeziform, 2, 3, minute; uncini numerous, first large, strong, and opaque, the rest slender, translucent, with denticulate hooks (Fig. 113).



## FAMILY IX.—TURBINIDÆ.

*Shell* spiral, turbinated or pyramidal, nacreous inside; operculum calcareous and pauci-spiral, or horny and multi-spiral.

*Animal* with a short muzzle; eyes pedunculated at the outer bases of the long and slender tentacles; head and sides ornamented with fringed lobes and tentacular filaments (*cirri*); branchial plume single; lingual ribbon long and linear, chiefly contained in the visceral cavity; median teeth broad; laterals 5, denticulated; uncini very numerous (sometimes nearly 100), slender, with hooked points (Fig. 15, A).

Marine, feeding on sea-weeds (*algæ*).

The shells of nearly all the turbinidæ are brilliantly pearly when the epidermis and outer layer of shell are removed; many of them are used in this state for ornamental purposes.

## TURBO, L. Top-shell.

*Etymology*, *turbo*, a whipping-top.

*Synonyms*, *Batillus*, *Marmorostoma*, *Callopoma*, &c.—Gray.

*Type*, *T. marmoratus*. Pl. X., Fig. 2.

*Shell* turbinated, solid; whorls convex, often grooved or tuberculated; aperture large, rounded, slightly produced in front; operculum shelly and solid, callous outside, and smooth, or variously grooved and mammillated, internally horny and pauci-spiral. In *T. sarmaticus* the exterior of the operculum is botryoidal, like some of the tufaceous deposits of petrifying wells.

*Animal* with pectinated head-lobes.

*Distribution*, 60 species. Tropical seas, West Indies, Mediterranean, Cape, India, China, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific, Peru.

*Fossil*, 360 species (including *littorina*) L. Silurian—Universal.

## PHASIANELLA, Lam. Pheasant-shell.

*Synonyms*, *Eutropia* (Humphrey), Gray. *Tricolea*, Risso.

*Type*, *P. australis*. Pl. X., Fig. 3.

*Shell* elongated, polished, richly coloured; whorls convex; aperture oval, not pearly; inner lip callous, outer thin; operculum shelly, callous outside, sub-spiral inside.

*Animal* with long ciliated tentacles; head-lobes pectinated, wanting in the minute species; neck-lobes fringed; sides ornamented with three *cirri*; branchial plume long, partly free; foot rounded in front, pointed behind; its sides moved alternately in walking; lingual teeth even-edged; laterals 5,

hooked, denticulated; uncini about 70, gradually diminishing outwards, hooked and denticulated.

*Distribution*, 25 species. Australia, large species; India, Philippines, small species; Mediterranean, Britain, West Indies, very small species.

*Fossil*, 70 species. Devonian (?). Europe.

The similarity of the existing Australian fauna to that of the European oolites strengthens the probability that some, at least, of these fossil shells are rightly referred to Phasianella.



Fig. 114.\*

#### IMPERATOR, Montfort.

*Type*, *I. imperialis*. Pl. X., Fig. 4.

*Synonym*, Calcar.

*Shell* trochiform, thick, with a flat or concave base; whorls keeled or stellated; aperture angulated outside, brilliantly pearly; operculum shelly.

*Distribution*, 20 species? South Africa, India, Australia, New Zealand.

#### TROCHUS, L.

*Etymology*, *trochus*, a hoop.

*Synonyms*, *Cardinalia*, *Tegula*, and *Livona*, Gray. *Infundibulum*, Montfort. *Chlorostoma*, Sw. *Trochiscus*, Sby. *Monilea*, Sw.

*Types*, *T. niloticus*. Pl. X., Fig. 5. *T. zizyphinus*. Fig. 114.

*Shell* pyramidal, with nearly a flat base; whorls numerous, flat, variously striated; aperture oblique, rhombic, pearly inside; columella twisted, slightly truncated; outer lip thin; operculum horny, multi-spiral, Fig. 115 (*T. pica*).



*Animal* with 2 small or obsolete head-lobes be-

*Distribution*, 200 species. World-wide. Low water to 15 fathoms; the smaller species range nearly to 100 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 361 species. Devonian—. Europe, North America, Chili.

*Sub-genera*. *Pyramis*, Chemn., Tr. obeliscus. Pl. X., Fig. 6. Columella contorted, forming a slight canal.

*Gibbula*, Leach. Tr. magus, Britain.

*Shell* depressed, widely umbilicated; whorls tumid. Head-lobes largely developed; lateral cirri, 3.

*Enida*, Adams. 3 species, Japan.

*Margarita*, Leach. Tr. helycinus. Pl. X., Fig. 7.

*Shell* thin; cirri, 5 on each side.

*Distribution*, 17 species. Greenland, Britain, Falkland Islands. Near low water, under stones and sea-weed.

*Elenchus*, Humphrey (= *Canthiridus*, Montfort) *E. iris*. Pl. X., Fig. 8. Smooth, thin, imperforate, with a prominent base. Australia, New Zealand. *F. Iris* scarcely differs in form from *Tr. zizyphinus*; *E. badius* is like a pearly phasianella; and *E. varians* (*bankivia*, Menke) would be called a *chemnitzia*, if fossilised. Pl. X., Fig. 9.

*Alcynus*, Adams. 2 species, Japan.

*Minolia*, Adams. 1 species, Japan.

*Turcica*, Adams. 1854.

*Vitrinella*, C. B. Adams, 1850. *Shell* minute, hyaline, turbiniform, umbilicated; aperture large, orbicular.

*Distribution*, 18 species. West Indies (5), Panama.

*Photinula*, H. and A. Adams, 1855. *Shell* heliciform; spire somewhat acute.

### ROTELLA, Lamarck.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *rota*, a wheel.

*Synonym*, *Helicina*, Gray.

*Type*, *R. vestiaria*. Pl. X., Fig. 10.

*Shell* lenticular, polished; spire depressed; base callous; lingual teeth 13; uncini numerous, sub-equal.

*Distribution*, 15 species. India, Philippines, China, New Zealand.

### MONODONTA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *monos*, one, and *odous* (*odontos*), a tooth.

*Synonyms*, *Labio*, Oken. *Clanculus*, Montfort, *Olivia*, Risso.

*Types*, *M. labeo*. Pl. X., Fig. 21. *M. pharaonis*. Pl. X., Fig. 12.

*Shell* turbinated, few-whorled; whorls spirally grooved and

granulated; lip thickened internally, and grooved; columella toothed, more or less prominently and irregularly; operculum horny, many-whorled.

*Distribution*, 13 species? West Africa, Red Sea, India, Australia.

*Fossil* (included with trochus), Devonian—. Eifel.

#### DELPHINULA (Roissy), Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *delphinus*, a dolphin. (= *Cyclostoma*, Gray!)

*Type*, *D. laciniata*. Pl. X., Fig. 13. (= *T. delphinus*, L.)

*Shell* orbicular, depressed; whorls few, angulated, rugose, or spiny; aperture round, pearly; peristome continuous; umbilicus open; operculum horny, many-whorled. On reefs at low water.

*Animal* without head-lobes; sides lobed and ciliated.

*Distribution*, 70 species. Red Sea, India, Philippines, China, Australia.

*Fossil*, 30 species? Trias?—Miocene—. Europe.

*Sub-genera*. *Liotia*, Gray. *L. gervillii*. Pl. X., Fig. 14. Aperture pearly, with a regular, expanded border; operculum multi-spiral, calcareous.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Cape, India, Philippines, Australia.

*Fossil*, Eocene—. Britain, France.

*Collonia*, Gray, 1850. *C. marginata*. Pl. X., Fig. 15. Peristome simple; operculum calcareous, with a spiral rib on the outer side.

*Distribution*, Africa.

*Fossil*, Eocene—. Paris.

*Cyclostrema*, Marryat. *C. cancellata*, Pl. X., Fig. 16.

*Shell* nearly discoidal, cancellated, not pearly; aperture round, simple; umbilicus wide; operculum, spiral, calcareous.

*Distribution*, 12 species. Cape, India, Philippines, Australia, Peru. In 5—17 fathoms.

*Serpularia*, Roemer, has the whorls smooth and disunited.

*Type*, *Euomphalus Serpula*, Kon. *Carb.* Belgium.

*Crossostoma*, Morris and Lycett. Columella toothed when young, concealed by callus in the adult. 2 species, Great oolite.

#### ADEORBIS, Searles Wood.

*Type*, *A. sub-carinatus*. Pl. X., Fig. 17.

*Shell* minute, not nacreous, depressed, few-whorled, deeply umbilicated; peristome entire, nearly continuous, situated in

its inner side, and slightly so externally; operculum shelly, multi-spiral.

*Distribution*, 6 species. West Indies—China. Low water to 60 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Tertiary—. Britain.

### EUOMPHALUS, Sowerby.

*Etymology*, *eu*, wide, and *omphalos*, umbilicus.

*Synonyms*, *Schizostoma*, Bronn. *Straparollus*, D'Orbigny. *Ophileta*, Vanuxem. *Platyschisma*, M'Coy.

*Type*, *E. pentagonalis*. Pl. X., Fig. 18.

*Shell* depressed or discoidal; whorls angular or coronated; aperture polygonal; umbilicus very large; operculum shelly, round, multi-spiral. (Salter.)

*Fossil*, 80 species, L. silurian—Trias. North America, Europe, Australia.

*Sub-genus*. *Phanerotinus*, J. Sby. 1840, *E. cristatus*, Phil. Carb. limestone. Britain.

*Shell* discoidal; whorls separate; outer margin sometimes foliaceous.

### STOMATELLA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *stoma*, the aperture.

*Type*, *S. imbricata*. Pl. X., Fig. 19.

*Shell* ear-shaped, regular; spire small; aperture oblong, very large and oblique, nacreous; lip thin, even-edged; operculum circular, horny, multi-spiral. On reefs and under stones at low water.

*Distribution*, 33 species. Cape, India, North Australia, China, Japan, Philippines.

*Sub-genus?* *Gena*, Gray. Spire minute, marginal; no operculum. 16 species. Red Sea, India, Seychelles, Swan River, Philippines. (Adams.)

*Nipponia*, Adams. 1 species, Japan.

### BRODERIPIA, Gray.

*Etymology*, named in honour of W. J. Broderip, Esq., the distinguished conchologist.

*Type*, *B. rosea*. Pl. X., Fig. 20.

*Shell* minute, limpet-shaped, with a posterior sub-marginal apex; aperture oval, as large as the shell, brilliantly nacreous.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Philippines; Grimwood's Island, South Seas. (Cuming.)

## FAMILY X.—HALIOTIDÆ.

*Shell* spiral, ear-shaped or trochiform; aperture large, nacreous; outer lip notched or perforated. No operculum.

*Animal* with a short muzzle and subulate tentacles; eyes on pedicels at the outer bases of the tentacles; branchial plumes 2; mantle-margin with a posterior (anal) fold or siphon, occupying the slit or perforation in the shell; operculum lobe rudimentary; lingual dentition similar to trochus.

In addition to the true haliotids, we have retained in this group such of the trochiform shells as have a notched or perforated aperture.

## HALIOTIS, L. Ear-shell.

*Etymology*, *halios*, marine, and *ous* (*otos*), an ear.

*Type*, *H. tuberculata*, Pl. X., Fig. 21.

*Shell* ear-shaped, with a small flat spire; aperture very wide, iridescent; exterior striated, dull; outer angle perforated by a series of holes, those of the spire progressively closed. Muscular impression horse-shoe shaped, the left branch greatly dilated in front. In *H. tricostralis* (padollus, Montfort) the shell is furrowed parallel with the line of perforations.

*Animal* with fimbriated head-lobes; side-lobes fimbriated and ciliated; foot very large, rounded. Lingual teeth, median small; laterals single, beam-like; uncini about 70, with denticulated hooks, the first 4 very large.

The haliotis abounds on the shores of the Channel Islands, where it is called the ormer, and is cooked after being well beaten to make it tender. (Hanley.) It is also eaten in Japan. It is said to adhere very firmly to the rocks with its large foot, like the limpet. The shell is much used for inlaying and other ornamental purposes.

*Distribution*, 75 species. Britain, Canaries, Cape, India, China, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific, California.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Miocene—. Malta, &c.

*Sub-genus*? *Deridobranhus*, Ehrenberg, D. argus, Red Sea.

*Shell* large and thick, like haliotis, but entirely covered by the thick, hard, plaited mantle of the animal.

spire small, prominent; aperture large, oblong, outer margin irregular.

*Distribution*, 12 species. Java, Philippines, Torres Straits, Pacific. Under stones at low water. (Cuming.)

*Fossil*, M. D'Orbigny refers to this genus 18 species, ranging from the L. Silurian to the chalk. North America, Europe.

TEINOTIS, H. and A. Adams, 1854.

*Shell* depressed, elongated, ear-shaped; spire small, and placed posteriorly; hinder part of the foot in the animal stretches far over the shell.

*Distribution*, 2 species. East India.

### SCISSURELLA, D'Orbigny.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *scissus*, slit.

*Type*, *S. crispata*, Pl. X., Fig. 23.

*Synonyms*, *Anatomus*, Montfort; *Woodwardia*, Fischer.

*Shell* minute, thin, not pearly; body-whorl large; spire small; surface striated; aperture rounded, with a slit in the margin of the outer lip; operculate. The young have no slit.

*Animal* like *Margarita*; tentacles long, pectinated, with the eyes at their base; foot with two pointed lappets and two long slender pectinated cirri on each side; operculum ovate, very thin, with an obscure sub-spiral nucleus.

No part of the animal was external to the shell. The only living example occurred at Hammerfest, in 40—80 fathoms water; when placed in a glass of sea-water it crawled up the side and scraped the glass with its tongue. It was pale and translucent when living, but turned inky black after immersion in alcohol. (Barrett, An. Nat. Hist., 2nd ser. vol. 17, p. 206.)

Mr. Jeffreys found *S. elegans* (D'Orbigny) plentifully alive in sea-weed on the coast of Piedmont. It has a multi-spiral operculum, like *Margarita*. In this species, as noticed by Mr. G. Sowerby, the slit in the peristome of the young shell is converted into a foramen in the adult, as in the Jurassic *Trochotoma*.

*Distribution*, 5 species. Norway, Britain, Mediterranean. In

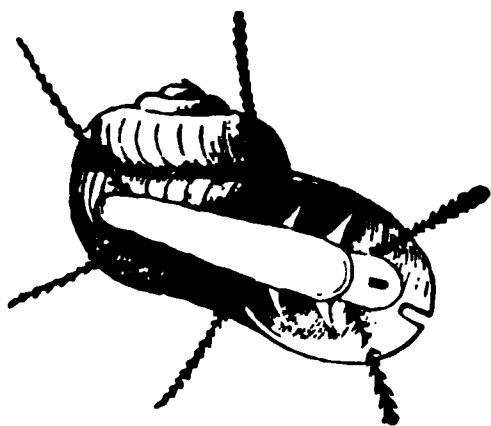


Fig. 116. *Scissurella*.  $\frac{8}{1}$ .

7 fathoms water off the Orkneys, and in deep water east of the Zetland Isles.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Tertiary—. Britain Sicily.

### PLEUROTOMARIA, DeFrance

*Etymology*, *pleura*, side, and *tome*, notch.

*Type*, *P. anglica*, Pl. X., Fig. 24.

*Shell* trochiform, solid, few-whorled, with the surface variously ornamented; aperture sub-quadrate, with a deep slit in its outer margin. The part of the slit which has been progressively filled up forms a band round the whorls.

*Distribution*, 2 species. One occurs in deep water in West Indian seas.

*Fossil*, 400 species. Lower Silurian—Chalk. North America, Europe, Australia. Specimens from clay strata retain their nacreous inner layers; those from the chalk and limestones have lost them, or they are replaced by crystalline spar. *Pleurotomariæ* with wavy bands of colour have been obtained in the carb. limestone of Lancashire. In this extensive group there are some species which rival the living turbines in magnitude and solidity, whilst others are as frail as *ianthina*.

*Sub-genera*. *Scalites*, Conrad, L. Silurian, New York.

*Shell* thin; whorls angular, flat above (tabulated), 8 species. L. Silurian—Carb.

*Polytremaria*, D'Orbigny, is founded on *P. catenata* (Koninck), in which the margins of the slit are wavy, converting it into a series of perforations.

*Catantostoma* (clathratum) Sandberger, 1842. *Shell* like *Pleurotomaria*; last whorl deflected, peristome incomplete, slightly varicose, irregular. *Fossil*, Devonian, Eifel.

*Raphistoma* (angulata), Hall. L. Silurian, United States, Canada. *Shell* depressed, outer lip sinuated. In *R. compacta* (Salter) the spire is sunk and basin-shaped, the umbilical side flat, and the last whorl a little disunited.

### MURCHISONIA, D'Archiac.





rocks; they have been compared to elongated *pleurotomaria*, or to *cerithia* with notched apertures; the first suggestion is most probably correct.

*Fossil*, 50 species. L. Silurian—Permian. North America, Europe.

### TROCHOTOMA, Lycett.

*Etymology*, *Trochus*, and *tome*, a notch.

*Synonym*, *Ditremaria*, D'Orbigny.

*Type*, *T. conuloides*, Pl. X., Fig. 26.

*Shell* trochiform, slightly concave beneath; whorls flat, spirally striated, rounded at the outer angles; lip with a single perforation near the margin.

*Fossil*, 10 species. Lias—Coral Rag. Britain, France, &c.

### ? CIRBUS, Sowerby.

*Etymology*, *cirrus*, a curl.

*Type*, *C. nodosus*, Sby. Min. Con. t. 141 and 219.

*Shell* sinistral, trochiform, base level; last whorl enlarging rather more rapidly, somewhat irregular.

*Fossil*, 2 species. Inf. oolite, Bath oolite. Britain, France.

This genus was founded on a *pleurotomaria*, a *euomphalus*, and *C. nodosus*. (v. Min. Con.) It is still doubtful what species may be referred to it.

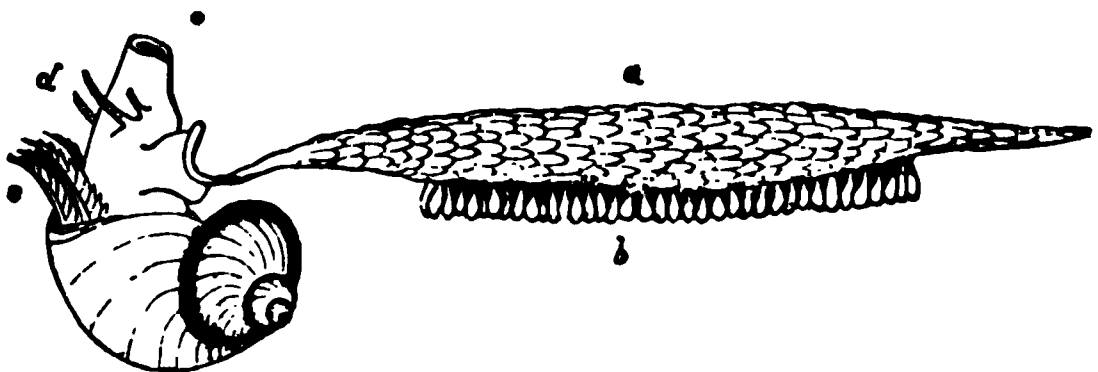


Fig. 117.\*

### IANTHINA, Lam. Violet-snail.

*Etymology*, *ianthina*, violet-coloured.

*Type*, *helix ianthina*, L. (*I. fragilis*, Lam.) Pl. X., Fig. 27.

*Shell* thin, translucent, trochiform; nucleus minute, styliform; sinistral; whorls few, rather ventricose; aperture four-sided; columella tortuous; lip thin, notched at the outer angle. Base of the shell deep violet, spire nearly white.

*Animal* head large, muzzle-shaped, with a tentacle and eye-

\* Fig. 117. *Ianthina fragilis*, Lam. (from Quoy and Gaimard). Atlantic. *a*, raft, *b*, egg capsules; *c*, gills; *d*, tentacles and eye-stalks.

pedicel on each side, but no eyes; foot small, secreting a float composed of numerous cartilaginous air-vesicles, to the under surface of which the ovarian capsules are attached. Lingual ribbon, rachis unarmed; uncini numerous, simple (like *scalaria*). Branchial plumes 2. Sexes separate.

*Distribution*, 10 species. Atlantic, Coral sea.

The ianthinæ, or oceanic-snails, are gregarious in the open sea, where they are found in myriads, and are said to feed on the small blue acelephæ (*velolla*). They are frequently drifted to the southern and western British shores, especially when the wind continues long from the south-west; in Swansea Bay the animals have been found quite fresh. When handled they exude a violet fluid from beneath the margin of the mantle. In rough weather they are driven about and their floats broken, or detached, in which state they are often met with. The capsules beneath the farther end of the raft have been observed to be empty, at a time when those in the middle contained young with fully formed shells, and those near the animal were filled with eggs. They have no power of sinking and rising in the water. The raft, which is much too large to be withdrawn into the shell, is generally thought to be an extreme modification of the operculum; but M. Lucaze-Duthiers, who has seen the raft formed, denies this. It is built up from glutinous matter secreted by the foot.\*

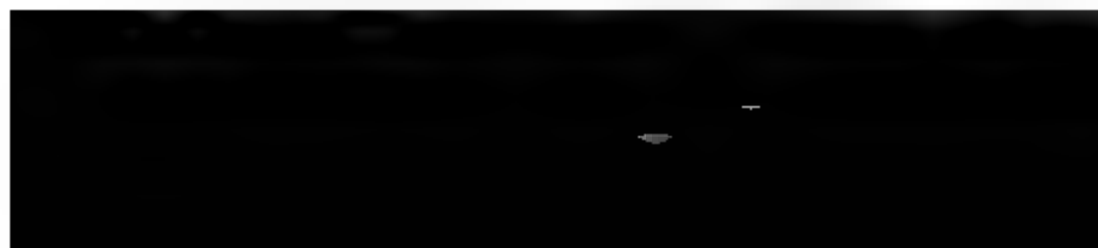
† *Holopea* (*symmetrica*), Hall. 1847. Outer lip sinuated near the base. *L. Silurian*, New York.

#### FAMILY XI.—FISSURELLIDÆ.

Shell conical, limpet-shaped; apex recurved; nucleus spiral, often disappearing in the course of growth; anterior margin notched or apex perforated; muscular impression horse-shoe shaped, open in front.

*Animal* with a well-developed head, a short muzzle, subulate tentacles, and eyes on rudimentary pedicels at their outer bases; sides ornamented with short cirri; branchial plumes 2, symmetrical; anal siphon occupying the anterior notch or perforated summit of the shell. Lingual dentition similar to *trochus*.†

FISSURELLA, Lam. Key-hole limpet.



*Shell* oval, conical, depressed, with the apex in front of the centre, and perforated; surface radiated or cancellated; muscular impression with the points incurved.

In very young shells the apex is entire and sub-spiral; but as the perforation increases in size, it encroaches on the summit and gradually removes it. The key-hole limpets are locomotive;

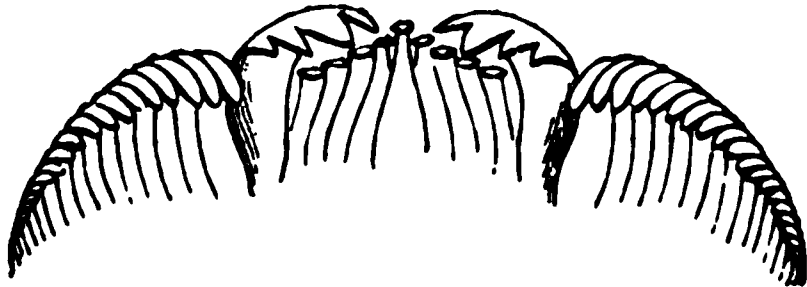


Fig. 118. *Fissurella*. (Wilton.)

they chiefly inhabit the laminarian zone, but range downwards to 50 fathoms. For dentition see Fig. 118.

*Distribution*, 132 species. America, Britain, South Africa, India, China, Australia, Upper California, Cape Horn.

*Fossil*, 30 species. Carb.; oolites—. Britain and France.

*Sub-genera*. *Pupillia*, Gray. *F. apertura*, Born. (= *hiantula*, Lam.) *Shell* smooth, surrounded by a sharp white edge; perforation very large. *Distribution*, South Africa. *Fissurellidæ*, D'Orbigny. *F. hiantula*, Lam. (= *megatrema*, D'Orbigny.). *Shell* cancellated; covered by the mantle of the animal. 3 species. Cape and Tasmania.

(*Macroschisma*, Sw.) *F. macroschisma*, Pl. XI., Fig. 2. Anal aperture close to the *posterior* margin of the shell. The animal is so much larger than its shell as to be compared to the *testacelle* by Mr. Cuming.

*Distribution*, Philippines and Swan River.

*Lucapina*, Gray. *F. elegans*, Gray (= *aperta*, Sby.). *Shell* white, cancellated, margin crenulated; covered by the reflected mantle. 3 species. California.

## PUNCTURELLA, Lowe.

*Synonyms*, *Cemoria*, Leach. *Diadora*, Gray.

*Type*, *P. noachina*, Pl. XI., Fig. 3.

*Shell* conical, elevated, with the apex recurved; perforation in front of the apex, with a raised border internally; surface cancellated.

*Distribution*, 6 (?) species. Greenland, Boreal America,

Norway, North Britain, Tierra-del-Fuego. In 20—100 fathoms water.

*Fossil*, in the glacial formations of North Britain.

#### RIMULA, DeFrance.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *rima*, a fissure.

*Synonym*, Rimularia.

*Recent type*, *R. Blainvillii*, Pl. XI., Fig. 4.

*Shell* thin and cancellated, with a perforation near the anterior margin.

*Distribution*, several species found on sandy mud at low water, or dredged in from 10—25 fathoms. Philippines (Cuming).

*Fossil*, 3 species. Bath oolite—coral rag. Britain and France.

#### EMARGINULA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *emarginata*, notched.

*Type*, *E. reticula*, Pl. XI., Figs. 5 and 6.

*Shell* oval, conical, elevated, with the apex recurved; surface cancellated; anterior margin notched. Muscular impression with recurved points. The *nucleus* (or shell of the fry) is spiral, and resembles *scissurella*. The anterior slit is very variable in extent. The animal of *emarginula* (and also of *puncturella*) has an isolated cirrus on the back of the foot, perhaps representing the operculigerous lobe. (Forbes.) Lingual dentition, median teeth sub-quadrate; laterals 4, oblong, imbricated; uncini about 60, the first large and thick, with a lobed hook, the rest linear, with serrulated hooks. (Lovén.)

*Distribution*, 40 species. West Indies, Britain, Norway, Philippines, Australia. Range from low water to 90 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Trias—. Britain and France.

*Sub-genus*, *Hemitoma*, Sw.

*Type*, *E. octoradiata* (*E. rugosa*, Pl. XI., Figs. 7 and 8).

*Shell* depressed, anterior margin slightly channelled.

#### PARMOPHORUS, Blainville. Duck's-bill limpet.

*Etymology*, *parme*, a shield, and *phoreus*, a bearer.

*Type*, *P. australis*, Pl. XI., Fig. 9.

*Synonym*, *Scutus*, Montf.

*Shell* lengthened-oblong, depressed; apex posterior; front

tentacles; it is found in shallow water, and walks freely. (Cuming.)

*Distribution*, 15 species. New Zealand, Australia, Philippines, Singapore, Red Sea, Cape.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Eocene?—. Paris Basin.

#### FAMILY XII.—CALYPTRÆIDÆ. Bonnet-limpet.

*Shell* limpet-like, with the apex more or less spiral; interior simple, or divided by a shelly process, variously shaped, to which the adductor muscles are attached.

*Animal* with a distinct head; muzzle lengthened; eyes on the external bases of the tentacles; branchial plume single. Lingual teeth single, uncini 3, as in Fig. 119, which shows dentition

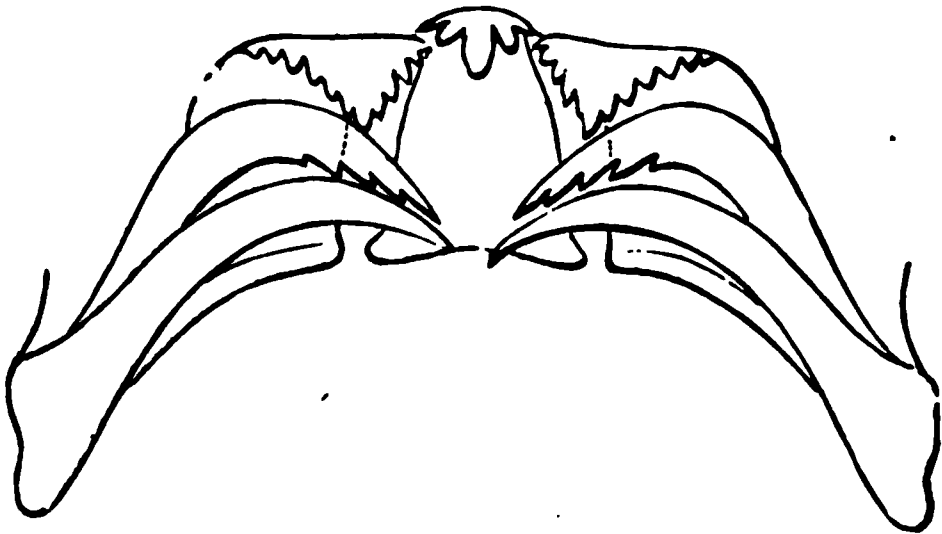


Fig. 119. *Crepidula*. (Wilton.)

of *crepidula*. The rostrum is prominent and split, but non-retractile; the median tooth hooked and dentate; the first, or first and second laterals serrated, the third claw-shaped and simple. Lovén places this family next to the *Velutinidæ*.

The bonnet-limpets are found adhering to stones and shells; most of them appear never to quit the spot on which they first settle, as the margins of their shells become adapted to the surface beneath, whilst some wear away the space beneath their foot, and others secrete a shelly base. Both their form and colour depend on the situation in which they grow; those found in the cavities of dead shells are nearly flat, or even concave above, and colourless. They are presumed to feed on the seaweed growing round them, or on animalcules; a *calyptræa*, which Professor Forbes kept in a glass, ate a small sea slug (*goniodoris*) which was confined with it. Both *calyptræa* and *pileopsis* sometimes cover and hatch their spawn in front of their foot. (Alder and Clarke.)

Dr. Gray arranges the bonnet-limpets next after the vermetidæ; their lingual dentition is like *velutina*.

## CALYPTRÆA, Lam. Cup-and-saucer limpet.

*Etymology*, *calyptra*, a (lady's) cap.

*Synonym*, *Lithedaphus*, Owen.

*Types*, *C. equestris*, Pl. XI., Fig. 10. *C. Dillwynii*, Fig. 11.

*Shell* conical; limpet-shaped; apex posterior, with a minute, spiral nucleus; margin irregular; interior with a half-cup shaped process on the posterior side, attached to the apex, and open in front. Surface rugose or cancellated.

*Animal* with a broad muzzle; tentacles rather short; lanceolate; eyes on bulgings at the outer bases of the tentacles; mantle-margin simple, sides plain. Found under stones, between tide-marks, and in shallow water. (Cuming.)

*Distribution*, 50 species. West Indies, Honduras, Britain, Mediterranean, Africa, India, Philippines, China, Japan, New Zealand, Gallapagos, Chili.

*Fossil*, 31 species. Carb. ? chalk—. Britain, France, &c.

*Sub-genera*. *Crucibulum*, Schum. (*Dispotæa*. Say., *Calypeopsis*, Less.)

*Example*, *C. rudis*, Pl. XI., Fig. 12.

*Shell* spinulose; internal cup entire; attached by one of its sides.

*Distribution*, West America, Japan, West Indies. Found on shells, with its base worn, or smoothed by a shelly deposit. (Gray.) Between this section and the next there are several intermediate forms.

*Trochita*, Schum. (*Infundibulum*, J. Sby., *Galerus*, Humph. *Trochatella* and *Siphopatella*, Lesson.) *T. radians*, Pl. XI., Figs. 13, 14. (= *Patella trochoides*, Dillw.). *T. sinensis*, Pl. XI., Fig. 15.

*Shell* circular, more or less distinctly spiral; apex central; interior with a more or less complete sub-spiral partition.

*Distribution*, chiefly tropical, but ranges from Britain to New Zealand.

*T. prisca* (McCoy) is found in the carb. limestone in Ireland; and several large species occur in the London clay and Paris basin. The recent *C. sinensis*—the "Chinaman's hat" of collectors—is found on the southern shores of England, and in the Mediterranean, in 5—10 fathoms water. (Forbes.) Its lingual dentition is given by Loven; median teeth broad,

*Type*, *C. fornicata*, Pl. XI., Fig. 16.

*Synonym*, *Crypta*, Humph.

*Shell* oval, limpet-like; with a posterior, oblique, marginal apex; interior polished, with a shelly partition covering its posterior half.

The *crepidulæ* resemble the fresh-water *navicellæ* in form; but the internal ledge which mimics the columella of the nerite, is here the basis of the adductor muscles.

They are sedentary on stones and shells, in shallow water, and are sometimes found adhering to one another in groups of many successive generations. The specimens or species which live inside empty spiral shells are very thin, nearly flat, and colourless.

*Distribution*, 54 species. West Indies, Honduras, Mediterranean, West Africa, Cape, India, Australia, West America.

*Fossil*, 14 species. Eocene—. France, North America, and Patagonia.

#### PILEOPSIS, Lam. Bonnet-limpet.

*Etymology*, *pileos*, a cap, and *opsis*, like.

*Synonyms*, *Capulus*, Montf. *Brocchia*, Bronn.

*Type*, *P. hungaricus*, Pl. XI., Fig. 17, *P. militaris*, Pl. XI., Fig. 18.

*Shell* conical; apex posterior, spirally recurved; aperture rounded; muscular impression horse-shoe shaped.

*Animal* with a fringed mantle-margin; lingual teeth like *calyptrææ*.

*P. hungaricus* (the Hungarian-bonnet) is found on oysters in 5 to 15 fathoms water; more rarely as deep as 80 fathoms, and then very small. *P. militaris* is extremely like a *velutina*.

*Distribution*, 8 species. West Indies, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, India, Australia, California.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Lias—. Europe.

*Sub-genus*. *Amathina*, Gray. *A. tricarinata*, Pl. XI., Fig. 19.

*Shell* depressed, oblong; apex posterior, not spiral, with three strong ribs diverging from it to the anterior margin.

*Platyceras*, Conrad (*acrocilia*, Phil.). *P. vetustus*. Carb., limestone. Britain.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Devonian—Trias. America, Europe.

*Metoptoma*, Phillips. *M. Pileus*, Ph.

*Shell* limpet-like, side beneath the apex truncated, resembling the posterior valve of a chiton. 7 species. Carb. limestone. Britain.

## HIPponyx, Defrance.

*Etymology*, *hippos*, a horse, and *onyx*, a hoof.

*Type*, *H. cornucopia*, Pl. XI., Figs. 20, 21.

*Shell* thick, obliquely conical, apex posterior; base shelly, with a horse-shoe shaped impression, corresponding to that of the adductor muscle.

*Distribution*, 13 species. West Indies, Persian Gulf, Philippines, Australia, Pacific, West America.

*Fossil*, 10 sp. U. chalk—. Britain, France, North America.

*Sub-genus*. *Amalthea*, Schum. *A. conica*. Like *hipponyx*, but forming no shelly base; surface of attachment worn and marked with a crescent-shaped impression. Often occurs on living shells, such as the large turbines and turbinellæ of the Eastern seas.

## FAMILY XIII.—PATELLIDÆ. Limpets.

*Shell* conical, with the apex turned forwards; muscular impression horse-shoe shaped, open in front.

*Animal* with a distinct head, furnished with tentacles, bearing eyes at their outer bases; foot as large as the margin of the shell; mantle plain or fringed. Respiratory organ in the form of one or two branchial plumes, lodged in a cervical cavity; or of a series of lamellæ surrounding the animal between its foot and mantle. Mouth armed with horny upper jaw, and a long ribbon-like tongue, furnished with numerous teeth, each consisting of a pellucid base and an opaque hooked apex.

The order *cyclo-branchiata* of Cuvier included the chitons and the limpets, and was characterised by the circular arrangement of the branchiæ. At a comparatively recent period it was ascertained that some of the patellæ (*acmæa*) had a free, cervical gill; whilst the chitons exhibited too many peculiarities to admit of being associated so closely with them. Professor Forbes has very happily suggested that the cyclo-branchiate gill of patella is, in reality, a single, long branchial plume, originating on the left side of the neck, coiled backwards round the foot, and attached throughout its length. This view is confirmed by the circumstance that the gill of the sea-weed limpets (*nacellæ*) does not form a complete circle, but ends without passing in front of the animal's head.

## PATELLA, L. Rock limpet.

*Etymology*, *patella*, a dish.

*Synonyms*, *Helcion* Montfort; *Cymba*, Adams.



*Example, P. longicostata. Pl. XI., Fig. 22.*

*Shell* oval, with a sub-central apex; surface smooth, or ornamented with radiating striae or ribs; margin even or spiny; interior smooth.

*Animal* with a continuous series of branchial lamellae; mantle-margin fringed; eyes sessile, externally, on the swollen bases of the tentacles; mouth notched below. Lingual teeth 6, of which 4 are central, and 2 lateral; uncini 3. Fig. 120 shows the teeth, but not the uncini of *P. vulgata*. The Cape limpets (e.g. *P. denticulata*) have a minute central tooth, which is wanting in any other species hitherto examined. (Wilton.)



Fig. 120. *Patella vulgata*.  
(Original, Wilton.)

The dental canal of the common British limpet (*P. vulgata*) is rather longer than its shell; it has 160 rows of teeth, with 12 teeth in each row, or 1,920 in all. (Forbes.) The limpets live on rocky coasts, between tide-marks, and are consequently left dry twice every day; they adhere very firmly by atmospheric pressure (15 lbs. per square inch), and the difficulty of detaching them is increased by the form of the shell. On soft calcareous rocks, like the chalk of the coast of Thanet, they live in pits half an inch deep, probably formed by the carbonic acid disengaged in respiration; on hard limestones only the aged specimens are found to have worn the rock beneath, and the margin of their shell is often accommodated to the inequalities of the surrounding surface. These circumstances would seem to imply that the limpets are sedentary, and live on the sea-weed within reach of their tongues, or else that they return to the same spot to roost. On the coast of Northumberland we have seen them sheltering themselves in the crevices of rocks, whose broad surfaces, overgrown with nullipores, were covered with irregular tracks, apparently rasped by the limpets in their between tides excursions.\*

The limpet is much used by fishermen for bait; on the coast of Berwickshire nearly 12,000,000 have been collected yearly, until their numbers are so decreased that collecting them has become tedious. (Dr. Johnston.) In the north of Ireland they are used for human food, especially in seasons of scarcity;

\* If limpets are placed in stale water, or little pools exposed to the hot sun, they creep out more quickly than one would expect; the tracks they leave are very peculiar, and not likely to be mistaken when once seen.

many tons weight are collected annually near the town of Larne alone. (R. Patterson.)

On the western coast of South America there is a limpet which attains the diameter of a foot, and is used by the natives as a basin. (Cuming.)

The common limpet makes oval pits in timber as well as in chalk. Small individuals sometimes roost habitually on larger specimens, and make an oval furrow on the shell. The surface on which limpets roost, and some space around it, is often covered with radiating striae not *parallel* like those *produced by their teeth on nullipore*. Mr. Gaskoin has a limpet-shell encrusted with nullipore, which other limpets have rasped all over. In M. D'Orbigny's collection of Cuban shells there is a group of oysters (*O. cornucopie*), with a colony of the *Hippomys mitrula* sheltered in their interstices; these limpets have not only fed on the nullipore with which the oysters are encrusted, but have extensively eroded the epidermal layer of shell beneath.\*

As to the *Calyptraeidae* generally, although furnished with lingual teeth (Fig. 96) like those of the animal-feeding *Velutina*, and themselves manifesting carnivorous propensities (p. 275), it is difficult to understand how they can travel in quest of food.

The shape of some species of limpet is believed to vary with the nature of the surface on which they habitually live. Thus the British *Nacella pellucida* is found on the *fronds* of the tangle, and assumes the form called *N. laevis*, when it lives on their *stalks*. (Forbes.) The *Acmaea testudinalis* becomes laterally compressed and is called *A. alvea* when it grows on the blades of the *Zostera* (Gould); and *Patella miniata* of the Cape becomes a new "genus" (*Cymba*, Adams, not Broderip) when it roosts on the round stems of sea-weed, and takes the form called *P. compressa*. (Gray.)

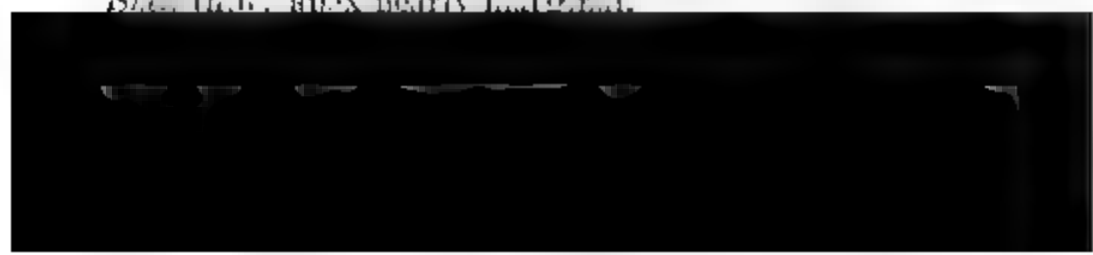
*Distribution*, 144 species. Britain, Norway, &c. Wellington Channel. World-wide.

*Fossil*, above 100 species of patellidae, including *acmaea*, L. Silurian—. North America, Europe.

*Sub-genera*. *Nacella*, Schum. (= *patina*, Leach).

*Example*, *P. pellucida*. Pl. XI., Fig. 23.

*Sketches*, annex nearly lost.



tinued in front of the head. Found on the fronds and stalks of sea-weeds. Britain, Cape, Cape Horn.

*Scutellina*, Gray. *S. crenulata*. Shell with a broad margin internally. 7 species. Red Sea, Philippines, Pacific, Panama. (Cuming.)

#### ACMÆA, Eschscholtz.

*Etymology*, *acme*, a

*Synonyms*, *Tectura*, M. Edw. *Lottia* and *Scurria*, Gray. *Patelloida*, Quoy.

*Type*, *A. testudinalis*. Pl. XI., Fig. 24.

*Shell* like patella. *Animal* with a single pectinated gill; lodged in a cervical cavity, and exerted from the right side of the neck when the creature walks. Lingual teeth 3 on each side of the median line. Low water to 30 fathoms. (Forbes.)

*Distribution*, 61 species. Norway, Britain, Australia, Pacific, West America.

*Sub-genera*. *Lepeta*, Gray (= *pro-pilidium*, Forbes). *Patella cæca*, Müller.

*Shell* minute, apex posterior. *Animal* blind. Britain. 30—90 fathoms.

*Pilidium*, Forbes. *P. fulva*, Müller. Britain. 20—80 fathoms water.

*Shell* small, apex anterior. *Animal* blind; gills 2, not projecting; mantle even-edged. Both *lepetæ* and *pilidium* have large single median teeth, with trilobed hooks; and 2 hooked uncini on each side.

#### GADINIA (Adanson), Gray.

*Type*, *G. peruviana*. Pl. XI., Fig. 26.

*Synonym*, *Mouretia*, Sby.

*Shell* conical; muscular impression horse-shoe-shaped, the right side shortest, terminating at the siphonal groove.

*Animal* with a single cervical gill; tentacles expanded, funnel-shaped.

*Distribution*, 8 species. Mediterranean, Red Sea, Africa, Peru.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Sicily.

#### SIPHONARIA, Sowerby.

*Type*, *S. siphonaria*. Pl. XI., Fig. 25.

*Shell* like patella; apex sub-central, posterior; muscular impression horse-shoe shaped, divided on the right side by a

deep siphonal groove, which produces a slight projection on the margin.

*Animal* with a broad head, destitute of tentacles; eyes sessile on prominent rounded lobes; gill? single. The siphonariæ are found between tide-marks, like limpets; Dr. Gray places them with the pulmonifera, between the auriculidæ and cyclostomidæ.

*Distribution*, 41 species. Cape, India, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific, Gallapagos, Peru, Cape Horn. (Cuming.)

*Fossil*, 3 species. Miocene—. France.

#### FAMILY XIV.—DENTALIADÆ. Tooth-shells.

##### DENTALIUM, L.

*Type*, *D. elephantinum*. Pl. XI., Fig. 27.

*Shell* tubular, symmetrical, curved, open at each end, attenuated posteriorly; surface smooth or longitudinally striated; aperture circular, not constricted.\*

*Animal* attached to its shell near the posterior anal orifice; head rudimentary, eyes 0, tentacles 0; oral orifice fringed; foot pointed, conical, with symmetrical side-lobes, and an attenuated base, in which is a hollow communicating with the stomach. Branchiæ 2, symmetrical, posterior to the heart; blood red (Clarke); sexes united? Lingual ribbon wide, ovate; rachis 1-toothed; uncini single, flanked by single unarmed plates.

The tooth-shells are animal-feeders, devouring foraminifera and minute bivalves; they are found on sand, or mud, in which they often bury themselves. The British species range from 10—100 fathoms. (Forbes.)

*Distribution*, 50 species. West Indies, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, India.

*Fossil*, 125 species. Devonian—. Europe, Chili.

#### FAMILY XV.—CHITONIDÆ.

##### CHITON, L.



*Shell* composed of eight transverse imbricating plates, lodged in a coriaceous mantle, which forms an expanded margin round the body. The first seven plates have posterior apices; the eighth has its apex nearly in front. The six middle plates are each divided by lines of sculpturing into a dorsal and two lateral areas. All are inserted into the mantle of the animal by processes (apophyses) from their front margins. The posterior plate is considered homologous with the limpet-shell by Dr. Gray; the other plates appear like portions of its anterior slope, successively detached. The border of the mantle is either bare or covered with minute plates, hairs, or spines.

*Animal* with a broad creeping disk like the limpet; proboscis armed with cartilaginous jaws, and a long linear tongue; lingual teeth 3; median small, laterals large, with dentated hooks; uncini 5, trapezoidal, one of them erect and hooked. No eyes or tentacles. Branchiæ forming a series of lamellæ between the foot and the mantle, round the posterior part of the body. The heart is central, and elongated like the dorsal vessel of the annelides; the sexes are united; the re-productive organs are symmetrically repeated on each side, and have two orifices; the intestine is straight, and the anal orifice posterior and median.

*Distribution.* More than 250 species are known; they occur in all climates throughout the world; most abundant on rocks at low water, but frequently obtained by dredging in 10—25 fathoms. Some of the small British species range as deep as 100 fathoms. (Forbes.) West Indies, Europe, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, California to Chiloë.

*Fossil*, 37 species. Silurian—. Britain, Belgium, &c.

*Sub-genera.\** *Chiton*. *Synonyms*, *Lophurus*, *Poli*. *Radsia*, *Callo-chiton*, *Ischno-chiton*, and *Lepto-chiton*. (Gray.)

*Example*, *C. squamosus*. Pl. XI., Fig. 28. Border tessellated.

*Distribution*, Brazil, West Indies, Newfoundland, Greenland, Britain, Mediterranean, Cape, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, West America.

*Tonica*, Gray. *C. elegans*. Margin bare.

*Distribution*, Greenland, Cape Horn, New Zealand, Valparaiso.

*Acanthopleura*, Guilding. *C. spinosus*. Pl. XI., Fig. 29. Margin covered with spines, or elongated scales.

\* The sub-genera of Dr. Gray are founded on the form of the *plates of insertion*; they are described in detail in the proceedings of the Zoological Society. Dr. Middendorf employs the number of the *branchial laminae* for distinguishing the sections.

*Synonyms*, Schizo-chiton, Corephium, Plaxiphora, Onycho-chiton, Enoplo-chiton, Gray.

*Distribution*, West Indies, Cape Horn, Falklands, Africa, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Valparaiso.

*Mopalia*, Gray. *C. Hindsii*. Border hairy.

*Distribution*, West America, Falkland Islands.

*Katharina*, Gray. *C. tunicatus*. Mantle covering all but the centre of the plates.

*Distribution*, New Zealand, West America.

*Cryptochiton*, Gray, "Saw-dust chiton." *C. amiculatus*. Valves covered with scaly epidermis.

*Synonyms*, *Cryptoconchus*, Sw. *Amicula*, Gray.

*Distribution*, California, New Zealand.

*Acanthochites*, Leach. *C. fascicularis*. Pl. XI. Fig. 30. Border ornamented with tufts of slender spines, opposite the plates.

*Distribution*, Britain, Mediterranean, New Zealand.

*Chitonellus*, Lam. *C. fasciatus*, Quoy. Pl. XI., Fig. 31. Border velvety; exposed portion of the plates small, distant; apophyses close together. The dentition of *chitonellus* is represented in Fig. 121.

*Distribution*, 10 species. West Indies, West Africa, Philippines, Australia, Pacific, Panama. The *chitonellas* are found in fissures of coral rock. (Cuming.)

*Fossil*, Carb. Scotland.

*Gryphochiton*, Gray. *C. nervicanus*.

*Helminthochiton*, Salter, 1847. *H. Griffithii*, Salter, *Geological*



Fig. 121. *Chitonellus*. Tasmania. (Wilton.)

*Journal*. Plates sub-quadrate, not covered by the mantle: apophyses widely separated.

*Fossil*, Silurian. Ireland.

*Brownia*, Candeï, D'Orbigny, 1853. A minute discoidal shell, associated with *Helicophlegma* in the first instance, but

lines. South Seas (= *Echinoospira*, Krohn and Jasonilla-Maed).

*Recluzia*, Petit, 1853. *R. Jehennei*, Red Sea. *R. Rollandiana*, Atlantic, and Mazatlan.

*Animal* pelagic, resembling ianthina; one inch long.

*Shell* paludiniiform, thin, with a brown epidermis; whorls ventricose; aperture ovate-oblique, slightly effused at the base, margins disunited; inner lip oblique, rather sinuated in the middle; outer lip acute, entire.

These so-called genera, formerly thought to belong to the Atlantidæ, are, for the most part, composed of prosobranchiate larvæ; but the genera to which they belong has not yet been ascertained.

## ORDER II.—PULMONIFERA.

THIS order embraces all the land-snails and other mollusca which breathe air. They are normal gasteropods, having a broad foot, and usually a large spiral shell; their breathing-organ is the simplest form of lung, and is like the branchial chamber of the sea-snails, but lined with a network of respiratory vessels. One large division of the land-snails is furnished with an operculated shell; the rest are in-operculate, and sometimes shell-less.

The *pulmonifera* are closely related to the plant-eating sea-snails (*holostomata*), through *Cyclostoma*, and to the *nudibranchs* by *Oncidium*. As a group, they are generally inferior to the sea-snails, on account of the comparative imperfection of their senses, and the union of the functions of both sexes in each individual.

### SECTION A.—IN-OPERCULATA.

The typical pulmonifera vary much in appearance and habits, but agree essentially in structure. Most of them have sufficiently large shells; in the slugs, however, the shell is small and concealed, or rarely quite wanting. Snail-shells contain a larger proportion of animal matter than sea-shells, and their structure is less distinctly stratified (p. 32). In form these shells represent many marine genera. The greater part are terrestrial, only some of the smaller families inhabit fresh waters or damp places near the sea. The respiratory orifice is small and valve-like,\* to prevent too rapid desiccation in the land-snails, and to guard against the entry of water in the

\* Hence they are called *Adelo-pneumona* (concealed-lunged) by Gray.

aquatic tribes. Land-snails are universally distributed; but the necessity for moist air, and the vegetable nature of their food, favour their multiplication in warm and humid regions: they are especially abundant in islands, whilst in hot and desert countries they appear only in the season of rain or dews. Their geological history is less complete than that of the purely marine orders; but their antiquity might be inferred from the distribution of peculiar genera in remote islands, associated with the living representatives of the ancient fauna of Europe. Fresh-water snails (*Limacidae*) occur in the English Weald, but fossil land-snails have not been found in strata older than the tertiary in Europe, and then under forms generically, and even in one instance specifically, identical with living types of the New World (*Megaspira*, *Proserpina*, *Glandina*, and *Helix labyrinthica*). In the coal-strata of Nova Scotia Sir Charles Lyell has discovered a single specimen of a reversed and striated shell, apparently a *Clausilia*.

The lingual dentition of the pulmonifera confirms, in a remarkable manner, those views respecting the affinities of the order, and its zoological value, which have been deduced from the more obvious characters afforded by the animal and shell. The operculated land-snails have seven-ranked teeth, like *Paludina* and *Littorina*. The in-operculated air-breathers have, without known exception, rows of very numerous, similar teeth, with broad bases, resembling tessellated pavement. Their crowns are recurved, and either aculeate or dentated. The lingual ribbon is very broad, often nearly as wide as it is long; and the number of teeth in a row (though usually a third less) is sometimes as great, or even greater, than the number of rows. The rows of teeth are straight or curved or angulated; when the rows are straight the teeth are similar in shape; curves indicate gradual changes, and angles accompany sudden alterations of form.



Fig. 123 Lingual teeth of *Achatina*.



fewer than *Ancylus*. The anomalous genus *Amphibola* (p. 139) is said to have a tongue, armed with teeth similar to those of the slug.

About one-third the lingual membrane is spread over the tongue; the rest has its margins rolled together, and is lodged in a sac or dental canal, which diverges downwards from the posterior part of the mouth, and terminates outside the buccal mass of muscles.\*

The mode in which the tongue is used, may be seen by placing a *Limnæa* or *Planorbis* in a glass of water, inside which the green *conferva* has begun to grow; they will be observed incessantly cleaning off this film. The upper lip with its mandible is raised, the lower lip—which is horse-shoe shaped—expands, the tongue is protruded and applied to the surface for an instant, and then withdrawn; its teeth glitter like glass-paper, and in *Limnæa* it is so flexible, that frequently it will catch against projecting points, and be drawn out of shape slightly as it vibrates over the surface.

“The development of the (in-operculate) Pulmonifera has been worked out by Van Beneden and Windischmann,† by Oscar Schmidt,‡ and by Gegenbaur;§ the memoir by the last-named author, contains full information respecting *Limax* and *Clausilia*, and some important notices with regard to *Helix*.

“The yelk undergoes complete division. The first stage of development consists in the separation of the embryo into mantle and foot. The anterior part of the body, in front of the mantle, dilates and forms a contractile sac—the homologue of the *velum* of marine gasteropods—which in *Doris*, *Polycera*, and *Æolis*, has been seen to exhibit similar contractions. (Gegenbaur.) To this contractile vesicle the name of *Yelk-sac* was given by Van Beneden and Windischmann, but it is a very different organ from the true Yelk-sac, which exists in the Cephalopoda alone among molluscs.

“A similar contractile dilatation exists at the end of the foot—and the contractions of this ‘caudal’ vesicle and of the ‘vitellary’ vesicle alternate, so as to produce a kind of circulation before the development of the heart.

“The oral tentacles and parts about the mouth are the last to be completed.

“A peculiar gland exists during the embryonic period, at-

\* Thomson, An. Nat. Hist. Feb. 1851.

† Recherches sur l'embryogenie des Limaces. Müller's Archiv. 1841.

‡ Ueber die Entwicklung von *Limax agrestis*. Müller's Archiv. 1851.

§ Beiträge zur Entwicklungsgeschichte der Land-gasteropoden. Siebold and Kölliker's Zeitschrift, 1852.

tached to the parietes of the 'vitellary' vesicle, which Gegenbaur and Schmidt compare to a Wolffian body.

"Gegenbaur draws attention to the fact, that the first rudiment of the shell in *Limax*, *Clausilia*, and probably *Helix*, is not secreted on the exterior of the mantle, as in other *gasteropoda*; but is deposited, in the form of calcareous granules, within its substance.

"Besides, therefore, the possession of Wolffian bodies, and of especial contractile organs, which subserve respiration and circulation during embryonic life—the terrestrial *gasteropoda* are further distinguished by the peculiar mode of development of their shells—if the observations upon *Clausilia* and *Helix* may be extended to the rest. The first development of the shell within the substance of the mantle (a relation found hitherto only in the *Cephalopoda*) is up to the present time a solitary fact, without parallel among the other *gasteropodous* families." (Huxley.)

#### FAMILY I.—HELICIDÆ.\* Land-snails.

*Shell* external, usually well developed, and capable of containing the entire animal; aperture closed by an *epiphragma* during hibernation.†

*Animal* with a short retractile head, with four cylindrical, retractile tentacles, the upper pair longest and bearing eyespecks at their summits. Body spiral, distinct from the foot; respiratory orifice on the right side, beneath the margin of the shell; reproductive orifice near the base of the right ocular tentacle; mouth armed with a horny, dentated, crescent-shaped upper mandible; lingual membrane oblong, central teeth inconspicuous, laterals numerous, similar.

#### HELIX, L.†

*Type*, *H. pomatia*, L., Roman snail.

*Etymology*, *Helix*, a coil.

*Shell* umbilicated, perforated or imperforate; discoidal, globosely-depressed or conoidal; aperture transverse, oblique, lunar, or roundish; margins distinct, remote, or united by callus.

*Animal* with a long foot, pointed behind; lingual teeth usually



*Distribution*, including the sub-genera, above 1,600 species (several hundred species are undescribed). World-wide; ranging northward as far as the limit of trees, and southward to Tierra-del-Fuego, but most abundant by far in warm and humid climates. M. D'Orbigny observed 6 species at elevations exceeding 11,000 feet in South America, and Layard found *H. gardeneri* at the height of 8,000 feet in Ceylon. The species of tropical and southern islands are mostly peculiar. Several of the smaller British species, and even the large garden-snail (*H. aspersa*), have been naturalised in the most remote colonies. The Neapolitans and Brazilians eat snails.

*Fossil* species about 200. Eocene—. Europe.

*Sections*: *Acavus*, Montf. Shell imperforate. *H. hæmastoma*, Pl. XII., Fig. 1.

*Geotrochus* (lonchostoma) Hasselt, Trochiform, flat beneath.

*Polygyra*, Say. Depressed, many-whorled. *H. polygyrata*, Pl. XII., Fig. 2.

*Tredopsis*, Raf. Aperture contracted by tooth-like projections. *H. Hirsuta*, Pl. XII., Fig. 5.

*Carocolla*, Lam. Peristome continuous. *H. lapicida*, Pl. XII., Fig. 3.

*Sub-genera*. *Anastoma*, Fischer. (*Tomigerus*, Spix.) *H. globulosa*, Pl. XII., Fig. 4. Aperture of adult turned upwards, ringent; 4 species. Brazil.

*Hypostoma* (Boysii), Albers, is a minute Indian snail, in which the aperture is similarly distorted.

*Lychnus* (Matheroni, Req.) has a similar shell, but no apertural teeth; 3 species occur in the Eocene Tertiary of South France.

*Streptaxis*, Gray. *H. contusa*, Pl. XII., Fig. 6. Sub-globose, lower whorls receding from the axis of the upper; 34 species. Brazil, West Africa, Mascarene Islands, South Asia.

*Sagda*, Beck. *H. epistylum*, Pl. XII., Fig. 7. Imperforate, globosely conoid, close-whorled, aperture lamellate within, lip sharp; 3 species. Jamaica.

*Prosérpina* (nitida), Guilding. *Shell* depressed, shining, callous beneath; aperture toothed inside; peristome sharp.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Jamaica, Cuba, Mexico.

*Fossil*, Eocene—. Isle of Wight. (F. Edwards.)

*Helicella*, Lam.\* *Type*, *H. cellaria*, Pl. XII., Fig. 8. *Shell* thin, depressed; peristome sharp, not reflected. Lingual edge-teeth aculeate. 110 species.

*Stenopus* (cruentatus), Guild.

\* For this group Dr. Gray formerly employed the name *Zonites*, given originally by Montfort to *Helix Algira*; in his later works he adopts *Helicella*.

*Synonyms*, *Nanina* (*citrina*), Gray; *Ariophanta* (*laevipes*, Pl. XII., Fig. 9), Desm.

*Shell* thin, polished; peristome thin, not reflected.

*Animal* with the tail truncated and glandular, like *Arion*; mantle-margin produced, partly covering the shell.

*Distribution*, 295 species. South Asia and Islands, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, West India.

*Tanytoma* (*tubiferum*), Benson, 1856. *Shell* like *Anastoma*, minute, umbilicated; aperture disengaged, trumpet-like, toothed. Banks of the Irawadi, above Prome.

*Pfeifferia* (*means*), Gray, is a *Nanina* without the mucus-pore at the tail. Philippines.

#### VITRINA, Draparnaud. Glass-snail

*Type*, *V. Draparnaldi*, Pl. XII., Fig. 28.

*Synonym*, *Helicolimax*, Fer.

*Shell* imperforate, very thin, depressed; spire short, last whorl large; aperture large, lunate or rounded, columellar margin slightly inflected, peristome often membranous.

*Animal* elongated, too large for complete retraction into the shell; tail very short; mantle reflected over the shell-margin, and furnished with a posterior lobe on the right side. Lingual teeth (of type) 100 rows of 75 each; marginal teeth with a single long, recurved apex. (Thomson.) Occasionally animal-feeders, like the slugs.

*V. Cuvieri* and *Freycineti* (*Helicarion*, Fer.), tail longer, more abruptly truncated, with a caudal gland like *arion*, mantle more developed.

*Distribution*, 87 species. Most abundant in north part of the Old World.

*Sub-genera*. *Daudebardja*, Hartm. (*Helicophanta*, Fér.) *V. brevipes*, Pl. XII., Fig. 29.

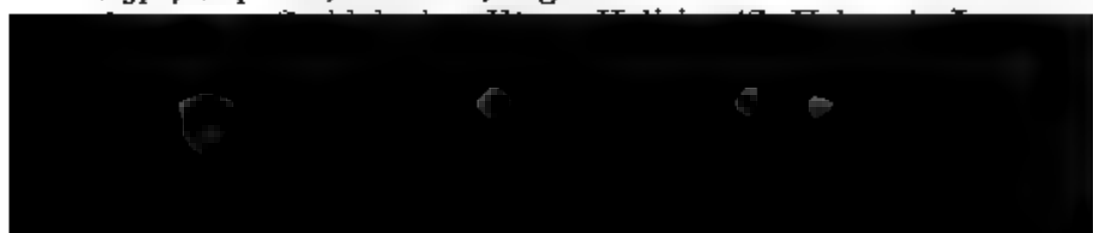
*Shell* perforated, horizontally involute; aperture oblique, ample. 8 species. Central Europe.

*Simpulopsis* (*sulculosa*), Beck.

*Shell* succinea-shaped. 5 species. Brazil.

#### SUCCINEA, Draparnaud, Amber-snail.

*Type*, *S. putris*, Pl. XII., Fig. 23.



teeth like *Helix*; *S. patris* has 50 rows of 65 teeth each. (Thomson.) Inhabits damp places, but rarely enters the water.

*Distribution*, 155 species. World-wide.

*Fossil*, 7 species. Eocene. Britain.

*Sub-genus*. *Omalonyx*, D'Orbigny. *O. unguis*, Pl. XII., Fig. 24.

*Shell* oval, convex, translucent, spire nearly obsolete, margins sharp.

*Animal* large, slug-like; shell placed on the middle of the back, with the mantle slightly reflected upon it all round.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Bolivia, Juan Fernandez.

### BULIMUS, Scopoli.

*Etymology?* *Boulimos*, extreme hunger (in allusion to its voracity!).

*Synonym*, *Bulinus*, Brod. (not Adans).

*Type*, *B. oblongus*, Pl. XII., Fig. 10.

*Shell* oblong or turreted; aperture with the longitudinal margins unequal, toothless or dentate; columella entire, revolute externally or nearly simple; peristome simple or expanded.

*Animal* like *Helix*. *B. ovatus* attains a length of six inches, and is sold in the market of Rio; it oviposits amongst dead leaves, the eggs have a brittle shell, and the young when hatched are an inch long. (See p. 44, Fig. 31.)

*Sections*. *Odontostomus* (gargantuos), Beck, aperture toothed. 13 species. Brazil.

*Pachyotis*, Beck (Caprella, Guild.), Fig. 123.\*

*Partula*, Fér. *P. faba*, Pl. XII., Fig. 13, Tahiti. 26 species. Asiatic, Australian, and Pacific Islands, South America. The animal is ovoviviparous.

*Gibbus* (*Lyonnetianus*) Montf.

*Shell* hump-backed. Mauritius, 2 species.

*Bulimulus*, Leach. *B. decollatus*, Pl. XII., Figs. 11 and 12.

*Shell* small, lip acute. Above 300 species. England, 3 species.

\* Fig. 123. *Bulimus auris-vulpina*, Chemn. The great extinct land-snail of St. Helens; from a specimen presented by Chas. Darwin, Esq. See "Journal of a Voyage round the World."

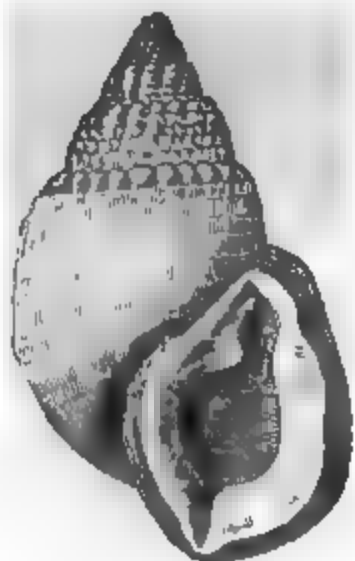


Fig. 123.

*Zua*, Leach. *Z. lubrica*, Pl. XII., Fig. 14

Shell polished, columella slightly truncated. 6 species.

*Azeca*, Leach. *A. tridens*, Pl. XII., Fig. 15.

Shell polished, peristome thickened and toothed. 4 living species.

*Distribution*, 1,120 species. Universally distributed.

*Fossil*, 30 species. Eocene—. Europe, St. Helena, Australia, West Indies.

*B. Guadalupeensis* occurs in modern limestone, with human remains.

#### ACHATINA, Lamarck. Agate-shell.

*Type*, *A. variegata*, Pl. XII., Fig. 22.

*Synonyms*, *Cochlitoma*, Fér. *Columna*, Perry. *Subulina* (octona), Beck. *Liguus* (virginicus), Montf. *Cionella* (acicula), Jeffreys.

Shell imperforate, bulimiform; columella twisted, and truncated in front; aperture oval, angular above; peristome simple, acute.

*Animal* snail-like. The great African Achatinæ are the largest of all land-snails, attaining a length of eight inches; their eggs exceed an inch in length, and have a calcareous shell.

*Distribution*, 370 species. Europe, Africa, Asia, and tropical America.

*Fossil*, 19 species. Eocene—. Europe and St. Helena.

*Sub-genera*. *Glandina* (voluta), Schum. (*Oleacina*, Bolten; *Polyphemus*, Montf.)

Shell oblong, fusiform; aperture narrow, elliptical.

*Animal* twice as long as the shell; eye tentacles deflected at the tips, beyond the eyes; vibracula much shorter, also deflected; lips elongated, tentacular. Frequents low and moist situations; in confinement one refused vegetable food, but ate another snail. (Say.) 186 species. West Indies, Central America, Mexico, Florida.

*Fossil*. Eocene—. *Glandina costellata*. Isle of Wight. (F. Edwards.)

*Achatinella* (vulpina), Sw. (*Helicteres*, Fér.) Columella twisted into a strong tooth-like fold. Sandwich Islands 25.

*Shell* rimate or perforate, cylindrical or oblong; aperture rounded, often toothed;\* margins distant, mostly united by a callous lamina.

*Animal* with a short foot, pointed behind; lower tentacles short.

*Distribution*, 236 species. Greenland, Europe, Africa, India, Pacific Islands, North and South America.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Carb. America. (Dawson.) Eocene—Europe.

*Sub-genus*. *Vertigo*, Müll. V. Venetzi, Pl. XII., Fig. 17.

*Shell* minute, sometimes sinistral.

*Animal* with the oral tentacles rudimentary or obsolete. 12 species. Old World.

*Spiraxis*, C. B. Adams, 1850.

*Type*, *Achatina anomala*, Pfeiffer.

*Shell* ovate-oblong, fusiform, or cylindrical; last whorl attenuated; aperture narrow, right margin usually inflected, columella more or less contorted, base scarcely truncated, furnished with a deeply-entering callous lamina.

*Distribution*, 30 species. West Indies, Mexico, Juan Fernandez.

*Stenogyra*, Shuttleworth, 1854. *Shell* elongated, turreted, many-whorled, semi-transparent, and blunt at the apex; peristome simple; shell frequently decollated.

*Animal* somewhat like *Bulimus*; middle rachidian teeth small.

*Distribution*, 50 species. Tropical America.

#### CYLINDRÉLLA, L. Pfeiffer. Cylinder-snail.

*Type*, *C. cylindrus*, Pl. XII., Fig. 20.†

*Synonyms*, *Brachypus*, Guild. *Siphonostoma*, Sw

*Shell* cylindrical or pupiform, sometimes sinistral, many-whorled, apex of the adult truncated, aperture round, peristome continuous, expanded.

*Animal* similar to *clausilia*; foot short, oral tentacles minute.

*Distribution*, 143 species. West Indies, Mexico, Texas, South America.

#### BALÆA, Prideaux

*Type*, *B. perversa*. Pl. XII., Fig. 21.

*Synonym*, *Fusulus*, Fitz.

\* Dr. Pfeiffer terms those teeth *parietal* which are situated on the body-whorl, those on the outer lip *palatal*, and on the inner lip *columellar*.

† The figure is taken from a specimen in Mr. Cuming's cabinet, in which the empty apex, usually decollated, remains attached to the adult shell.

*Shell* slender, usually sinistral, fusiform, multispiral, aperture ovate; peristome acute, margins unequal, wall of the aperture with one single plait; columella simple.

*Animal* snail-like; teeth 20.20; rows 130. (Thomson.)

*Distribution*, 8 species. Norway, Hungary, New Granada, Tristan d'Acunha. The British species is found, very rarely, in Porto Santo, only on the highest peak, at an elevation of 1,665 feet. (Wollaston.)

*Fossil*, 1 species. Eocene.

*Sub-genus*. *Megaspira* (elator), Lea, Pl. XII., Fig. 18.

*Shell* dextral, with the columella transversely plaited.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Brazil.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Eocene—. Rheims.

#### TORNATELLINA, Beck. .

*Etymology*, diminutive (or patronymic termination) of *tornatella*.

*Type*, *T. bilamellata*, Ant.

*Synonyms*, *Strobilus*, Anton. *Elasmatina*, Petit.

*Shell* imperforate, ovate or elongated; aperture semi-lunar, margins unequal, disunited; columella twisted, truncated; inner lip 1-plaited.

*Distribution*, 27 species. Cuba, South America, Juan Fernandez, Pacific Islands, New Zealand.

#### PAXILLUS, A. Adams.

*Type*, *P. adversus*, Ad. Borneo.

*Shell* small, pupiform, sinistral, rimate; spire pointed; aperture semi-ovate, ascending on the body-whorl; inner lip spreading, 1-plaited, outer lip expanded, notched in front.

#### CLAUSILIA, Draparnaud.

*Etymology*, Diminutive of *clausum*, a closed place.

*Synonym*, *Cochlodina*, Fér.

*Example*, *C. plicatula*, Draparnaud (= *C. Rolphii*, Leach), Pl. XII., Fig. 19.

*Shell* fusiform, sinistral; aperture elliptical or pyriform, contracted by lamellæ, and closed when adult by a movable shelly plate (*clausium*) in the neck.

*Animal* with a short, obtuse foot; upper tentacles short, lower very small. *C. bidens* has 120 rows of 50 teeth; *C. nigricans* 90 rows of 40 teeth each.

*Distribution*, 386 species. Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.



*Fossil*, 20 species. Eocene—. Britain and France. Coalstrata, Nova Scotia. (Lyell.)

*C. maxima*, Grat., Miocene, Dax, is two inches in length.

## FAMILY II.—LIMACIDÆ. Slugs.

*Shell* small or rudimentary, usually internal, or partly concealed by the mantle, and placed over the respiratory cavity.

*Animal* elongated; body not distinct from the foot; head and tentacles retractile; tentacles 4, cylindrical, the upper pair supporting eyes; mantle small, shield-shaped; respiratory and excretory orifices on the right side.



Fig. 124. *Limax Sowerbii*, Fér. Brit.

### LIMAX, L. Slug.

*Type* *L. maximus*. Pl. XII., Fig. 25. (*L. cinereus*, Müller.)

*Shell* internal, oblong, flat, or slightly concave beneath, nucleus posterior; margin membranous; epidermis distinct.

*Animal*, foot pointed and keeled behind; mantle shield-shaped on the front of the back, granulated or marked with concentric striæ; respiratory orifice on the right side, near the posterior margin of the mantle; reproductive orifice near the base of the right ocular tentacle; lingual teeth tricuspid, those near the margin simple, aculeate.

The slugs are connected with the snails by *Vitrina*; their teeth are similar, but have more elongated cusps. The creeping-disk or sole of the foot, extends the whole length of the animal; but they frequently lift up their heads like the snails, and move their tentacles in search of objects above them. They often climb trees, and some can lower themselves to the ground by a mucous thread. When alarmed they withdraw their heads beneath the mantle, as in Fig. 124. Slugs feed chiefly on decaying vegetable and animal substances; they oviposit at any time of the spring and summer when the weather is moist, and bury themselves in drought and frost. *Limax noctilucus*, Fér. (*Phosphorax*, Webb), found in Teneriffe, has a luminous pore in the posterior border of the mantle.

*Distribution*, 51 species. Europe, Canaries, Sandwich Islands, Australia.

*Fossil*, Eocene—. Britain. The *Ancylus*? *latus*, Edw., of the Isle of Wight, appears to be a *Limax*.

*Sub-genus*. *Geomalacus* (*maculosus*) Allman. Ireland.

*Shell* unguiform. *Animal* with a mucus-gland at the extremity of the tail; respiratory orifice near the right anterior border of the mantle.

#### ANADENUS, Heynemann, 1863.

*Shell* round, calcareous, nucleus posterior; mantle large and rough; respiratory orifice on the right side and near the middle of the mantle; generative orifice distant from it behind the right tentacle. Dorsal surface not ridged; tail without a mucus-gland, and pointed.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Himalayas.

#### INCILARIA, Benson.

*Type* *I. bilineata*, Cantor, Chusan.

*Synonym*? *Meghimatium*, Hasselt.

*Animal* elongated, tapering behind, entirely covered by a mantle; tentacles 4, the upper bearing eyes; the lower entire; respiratory orifice on the right side, near the front of the mantle. Longitude  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. 8 species. North America, China.

*Philomycus* (Raf.) Fér. = *Tebennophorus*, Binney, 1842, Boston Society's Journal (*Helix Carolinensis*, Bosc) is also a slug with a long mantle.

#### ARION, Férussac. Land-sole.

*Type*, *A. empiricorum*, Fér.

*Synonym*, *Limacella*, Brard.

*Shell* oval, concave; or represented by numerous irregular calcareous granules.

*Animal*, slug-like; respiratory orifice on the right side, towards the front of the mantle; reproductive orifice immediately below it; tail rounded, slightly truncated, terminated by a mucus-gland. Lingual teeth, as in *limax*; *A. empiricorum* has 160 rows of 101 teeth each. The land-soles occasionally devour animal substances, such as dead worms or injured



*Distribution*, 20 species. Europe. Norway, Britain, Spain, South Africa.

*Fossil*. Newer Pliocene, Maidstone. (Morris.)

*Plectrophorus* (*corninus*, Bosc) Fér. ♂ species. Teneriffe; represented as having a small conical shell on the tail; probably an erroneous observation.

#### PARMACELLA, Cuvier.

*Type*, *P. Olivieri*, Cuvier.

*Etymology*, *parma*, a small shield.

*Synonym*? *Peltella* (*Americana*), Van Beneden.

*Shell* concealed, oblong, nearly flat, apex sub-spiral.

*Animal* *vitrina*-like, with an ample foot, pointed behind, and furnished with a mucus-pore; mantle small, shield-like in the middle of the back, partly or entirely concealing the shell.

*P. calyculata*, Sby. (*Cryptella*, Webb), Pl. XII., Fig. 27, is patelliform, with an exposed papillary spire.

*Distribution*, 7 species. South Europe, Canary Islands, North India.

#### JANELLA, Gray, 1850 (not Grat. 1826).

*Synonym*, *Athoracophorus* (!), Gould.

*Type*, *Limax bitentaculatus*, Quoy. Elongate, limaciform, covered by a mantle with free margins; back grooved; tentacles 2, retractile, rising within the edge of the mantle; respiratory orifice to the right of the dorsal groove, reproductive orifice below it and beneath the mantle.

*Distribution*, New Zealand, on leaves.

#### ANEITEA, Gray, 1860.

Mantle small and triangular, tooth strap with a single median tooth.

*Distribution*, 1 species. *A. Macdonaldii*. New Hebrides, New Caledonia.

#### PARMARION, Fischer. 1855.

*Shell* shallow, partly external; mantle large, with a free margin anteriorly, but covered by the shell posteriorly; generative orifice behind the right tentacle.

*Distribution*, 4 species. India.

#### TRIBONIOPHORUS, Humbert, 1863.

Mantle small, triangular, back with an almost imperceptible furrow; teeth with wavy edges.

*Distribution*, 3 species. New South Wales.

**VIQUESNELIA**, Deshayes, 1857.

*Shell* internal, rudimentary, oval, suborbicular, slightly concave below, and thickened at the edges; summit sub-central.



Fig. 125. *Testacella haliotoides*, Per.\*

**TESTACELLA**, Cuvier.

*Shell* small, ear-shaped; situated on the posterior extremity of the body.

*Animal*, slug-like, elongated and tapering towards the head; back with two principal lateral furrows, from which numerous vein-like grooves ramify; mantle not larger than the shell; respiratory orifice on the right side, beneath sub-spiral apex of the shell; reproductive orifice behind the right tentacle. The Testacella is subterranean in its habits, feeding on earth-worms, and visiting the surface only at night. Its lingual membrane is very large and wide, with about 50 rows of 20.20 teeth, which diminish rapidly in size towards the centre; each tooth is slender, barbed at the point, and slightly thickened at the base, and furnished with a projection on the middle of the posterior side.

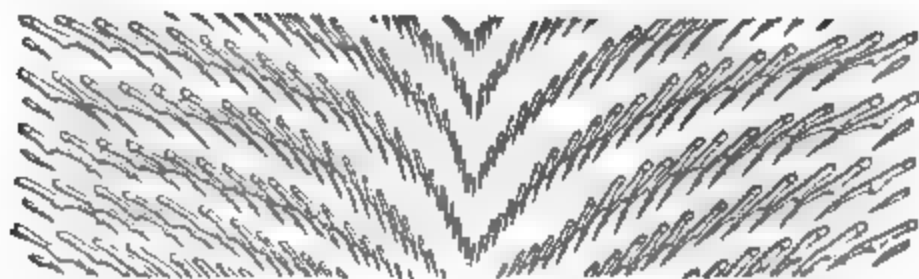


Fig. 126.†

During winter and dry weather the Testacella forms a sort of cocoon in the ground by the exudation of its mucus. If this cell is broken, the animal may be seen completely shrouded in its thin opaque white mantle, which rapidly contracts until it extends but a



found by Mr. Cunningham, in fields near Devizes), just disturbed from its sleep; *s*, the shell; *m*, the contracted mantle.

*Distribution*, 3 species. South Europe, Canary Islands, Britain (introduced).

*Fossil*, 2 species. Tertiary.

### FAMILY III.—ONCIDIADÆ.

*Animal*, slug-like, destitute of any shell, completely covered by a coriaceous mantle; tentacles cylindrical, retractile, with eyes at their extremities; foot much narrower than the mantle.

#### ONCIDIUM, Buchanan.

*Type*, *O. Typhæ*, Buch.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *onkos*, a tubercle.

*Animal* oblong, convex, usually tuberculated; head with 2 retractile tentacles, bearing the eyes; mouth covered by a notched veil; no horny jaws; tongue broad, with above 70 rows of lingual teeth (in *O. celticum*), teeth 54.1.54; \* the central teeth minute, triangular, with a single obtuse spine; laterals slightly curved; heart opistho-branchiate; respiratory orifice posterior, distinct from the vent; sexes combined, ♂ organ under the right tentacle, ♀ at the posterior extremity of the body.

*Distribution*, 16 species. Britain, Mediterranean, Red Sea, Mauritius, Australia, Pacific.

The typical *Oncidia* live on aquatic plants in the marshes of the warmer parts of the Old World. Those which frequent sea-shores have been separated under the name *Peronia*, Bl. (Onchis, Fér). One species (*O. celticum*) is found on the coast of Cornwall, congregated in little groups, about a foot or two from the margin of the sea, where the waves break over them. They ascend and descend, so as to maintain their distance as the tides rise and fall; but they will not bear long immersion in sea-water. (Couch.)

? *Buchanania* (*oncidoides*), Lesson. Named after Dr. F. Hamilton (Buchanan), the zoologist of India.

*Animal* oval, entirely covered by a simple mantle; respiratory orifice in the centre of the back; head with 4 tentacles, retractile

\* This is a convenient mode of stating the number of lingual teeth in each row; it means that there is a single (symmetrical) tooth in the centre, and 54 lateral (unsymmetrical) teeth on each side. If the number of rows of teeth on the dental membrane is known, it may be added below, thus—*Peronia Mauritanica*, 50.1.50.

beneath the mantle; foot oval, much smaller than the mantle; length  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Coast of Chili. (Requires confirmation.)

#### VAGINULUS, Férussac.

*Type*, V. Taunaisii, Férussac.

*Synonym*, Veronicella, Bl.

*Animal* elongated, slug-like, entirely covered by a thick coriaceous mantle, smooth or granulated; head retractile under mantle; tentacles 4, upper pair slender, cylindrical, inflated at the tips and bearing eyes, lower pair short, bifid; foot linear, pointed behind; sexes united; ♂ orifice behind the right tentacle, ♀ midway on the right side, beneath the mantle; respiratory and excretory orifices at posterior extremity between mantle and foot. Inhabits forests, in decayed wood and under leaves.

*Distribution*, 20 species. West Indies, South America, India, Philippines.

#### FAMILY IV.—LIMNÆIDÆ.

*Shell* thin, horn-coloured; capable of containing the whole animal when retracted; aperture simple, lip sharp; apex sometimes eroded.

*Animal* with a short dilated muzzle; tentacles 2, eyes sessile at their inner bases; mouth armed with an upper mandible, tongue with teeth similar to *Helix*. The Limnæids inhabit fresh waters in all parts of the world; they feed chiefly on decaying leaves, and deposit their spawn in the form of oblong transparent masses on aquatic plants and stones. They frequently glide beneath the surface of the water, shell downwards, and hibernate or æstivate in the mud.

The fresh-water snails (and also *Neritina*) can lower themselves from aquatic plants by a mucous thread, and re-ascend by the same; a *Physa* can be lifted out of the water by its thread.

LIMNÆA,\* Lamarck. Pond-snail.

*Etymology*, *Limnaios*, marshy.

*Type*, *L. stagnalis*, Fig. 128. Pl. XII., Fig. 30.

*Shell* spiral, more or less elongated, thin, translucent; body-whorl large, aperture rounded in front; columella obliquely twisted.

*Animal* with a short, broad head; tentacles triangular, compressed; lingual teeth (*L. stagnalis*) 55.1.55, about 110 rows, central teeth minute, laterals bicuspid, the inner cusp largest.

\* Adjectives employed as names for shells should have the feminine termination.

*L. peregra* feeds on the green fresh-water algae; *L. stagnalis* prefers animal substances.

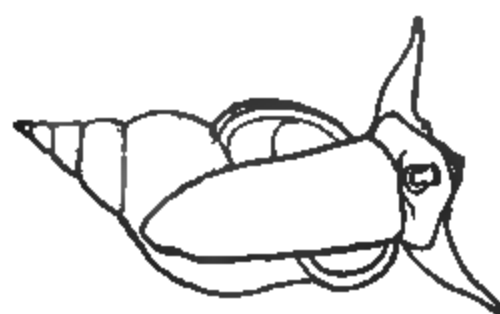


Fig. 128. *L. stagnalis*.

**Distribution**, 90 species. Europe, Madeira, India, China, North America.

**Fossil**, 70 species. Wealden— Britain, France.

**Sub-genus**. *Amphipeplea*, Nilsson. *A. glutinosa*, Pl. XII., Fig. 31.

**Shell** globular, hyaline.

**Animal** with a lobed mantle, capable of expansion over the shell. 5 species. Europe; Philippines

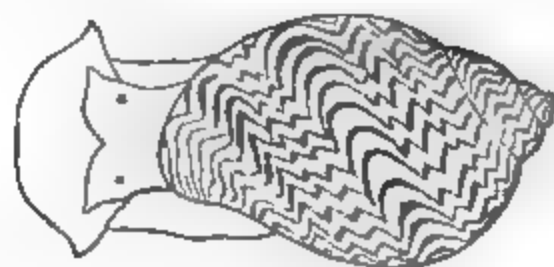


Fig. 129. *C. pulchra*.

#### CHILINIA, Gray. Chilean-snail,

**Example**, *C. pulchra*, D'Orbigny, Fig. 129

**Synonym**, *Dombeya*, D'Orbigny.

**Shell** oval, thin, ornamented with dark spots or wavy bands; columella thickened, with one or two strong prominent folds.

**Distribution**, 18 species. South America; in clear running streams.

**Fossil**, 1 species. Miocene, Rio Negro, Patagonia. (D'Orb.)

#### PHYSA, Draparnaud.

**Type**, *P. fontinalis*, Pl. XII., Fig. 32.

**Etymology**, *Physa*, a pouch.

**Synonyms**, *Bulin*, Adans. *Rivicola*, Fitz. *Isidora*, Ehr.

*Shell* ovate, sinistrally spiral, thin, polished; aperture rounded in front.

*Animal* with long slender tentacles; the eyes at their bases; mantle margin expanded and fringed with long filaments.

*P. hypnorum* (Aplexa, Fleming) has an elongated spire, and the mantle margin is plain.

*Physopsis*, Krauss, South Africa, has the base of the columella truncated.

*Camploceras* (terehras), Benson, India, has the whorls dis-united, and the peristome continuous.

*Distribution*, 20 species. North America, Europe, South Africa, India, Philippines.

*Fossil*, 43 species. Wealden—. Britain, France. The largest living species (*P. Maugerae*, Ecuador?) is 15 lines in length. A fossil species found at Grignon measures 26 lines, and another equally large occurs in India.

#### ANCYLUS, Geoffroy. River-limpet.

*Etymology*, *Ancylus* (agkulos) a small round shield.

*Type*, *A. fluviatilis*, Müller. Pl. XII., Fig. 33 (*Patella lacustris*, L.).

*Shell* conical, limpet-shaped, thin; apex posterior, sinistral; interior with a sub-spiral muscular scar.

*Animal* like *Limnæa*; tentacles triangular, with eyes at their bases; lingual teeth 37.1.37, in 120 rows, centrals small, laterals with long recurved hooks.

*Distribution*, 49 species. North and South America, Europe Madeira. On stones and aquatic plants in running streams.

*Fossil*, 8 species. Eocene, Belgium.

*Sub-genera*. *Velletia* (oblonga, Lightfoot), Gray. (*Acroloxus*, Beck.)

*Shell and Animal* dextral; lingual teeth 40, in 75 rows. 3 species. West Indies, Europe.

*Fossil*, 2 species. Eocene. Britain, France.

*Latia*, neritoides, Gray; shell limpet-like, interior with a transverse plate, turned up and notched on one side. 2 species. New Zealand.

#### PLANORBIS, Müller.



slender, the eyes at their inner bases; lingual teeth subquadrate, central and marginal bicuspid, laterals tricuspid; excretory orifices on left side of the neck.

Some species of *Planorbis* have the sutures and spire deeply sunk, and the umbilicus flattened; specimens occur with the spire elevated (Fig. 130\*). *P. contortus*, a minute species, has above 6,000 teeth. (Cocken.) *P. corneus* secretes a purple fluid. (Lister.) *P. lacustris* (Segmentina, Fleming) has the whorls contracted internally by periodic septa, 3 in a whorl, with triradiate openings. *P. armigenus* (Planorbula, Haldeman) has 5 teeth in the aperture which nearly close the passage.



Fig. 130.

*Distribution*, 145 species. North America, Europe, India, China.

*Fossil*, 69 species. Wealden—. Britain, France.

*Gundlachia*, *ancyliiformis*, Pfeiffer, 1850. Fresh waters. Cuba.

*Shell* thin, obliquely conic; apex inclined posteriorly; base closed for two-thirds by a flat, horizontal plate; aperture semi-circular.

#### FAMILY V.—AURICULIDÆ.

*Shell* spiral, covered with horny epidermis, spire short, body-whorl large; aperture elongated, denticulated; internal septum progressively absorbed.

*Animal* with a broad and short muzzle, tentacles, 2, cylindrical, the eyes sessile behind them; mantle-margin thickened; orifices as in the snails; foot oblong; sexes united; mouth with a horny upper jaw; lingual teeth numerous, central series distinct, hooked, tricuspid. *A. livida* has about 31 laterals (Lovén); another species examined by Mr. Wilton has 11 large laterals and about 100 smaller (*uncini*) on each side, gradually diminishing towards the edge (Fig. 131): *c*, central teeth; *l*, laterals.

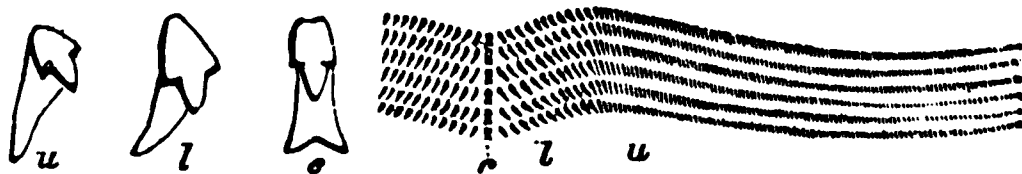


Fig. 131.

The *Auriculæ* frequent salt-marshes, damp hollows, and places overflowed by the sea; they were long regarded as marine animals, and their shells confused with those of *Tornatella* and *Ringicula*.

\* *P. marginatus*, var. Rochdale, communicated by J. S. Gaskoin, Esq.

## AURICULA, Lamarck.

*Type*, A. Judæ. Pl. XII., Fig. 35.

*Etymology*, *Auricula*, a little ear.

*Synonyms*, *Cassidula*, Fér. (not Lam.). *Marinula* (pepita) King. *Geovula*, Sw.

*Shell* oblong, with thick, dark epidermis; spire obtuse; aperture long, narrow, rounded in front, with 2 or 3 strong folds on the inner lip; outer lip expanded and thickened.

*Distribution*, 94 species. Philippines, Celebes, Feejees, Australia, Peru.

*Fossil*, 28 species. ? Neocomian—. France.

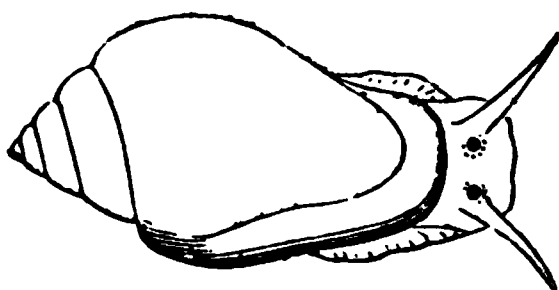


Fig. 132. *A. auris-felis*. (From Eyd. and Soul.)

*A. Judæ* has truncated tentacles; the typical species are met with in the brackish-water swamps of tropical islands, on the roots of mangroves, and by small streams within the influence of the tide. One species has been observed by Mr. Adams in nearly 2 fathoms water.

*Sub-genera*, *Polydonta*, Fischer, *P. scarabæus*, Pl. XII., Fig. 36. (*Scarabus imbrium*, Montfort).

*Shell* oval, compressed; spire pointed, many-whorled, with lateral varices; aperture toothed on both sides.

*Distribution*, 34 species. India, Borneo, Celebes, Pacific Islands. Inhabits moist spots in woods near the sea, and is wholly terrestrial, feeding on decayed vegetables. (Adams.) 1 Tertiary species.

*Pedipes* (afra), Adans.

*Shell* ovate, spirally striated, aperture denticulated on both sides; the animal loops in walking, like *truncatella*.

*Distribution*, West Indies, Africa, Philippines, Pacific Islands. Under stones on the sea-shore.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Eocene—. Britain, France.

## CONOVULUS, Lamarck.

*Type*, C. coniformis, Brug. Pl. XII., Fig. 37. (= *Voluta coffea*, L.?)

*Synonyms*, *Melampus*, Montfort. *Rhodostoma*, Sw.

*Shell* obtusely cone-shaped, smooth; spire short, flat-whorled; aperture long, narrow; lip sharp, denticulated within; columella twisted in front; wall of the aperture with 1 or 2 spiral plaits.

*Animal* with short, tapering, and rather compressed tentacles; foot divided transversely into two portions, advanced successively in walking.

*Distribution*, 56 species. West Indies, Europe. In salt-marshes and on the sea-shore. The British species have their ovate shells, with the spire moderately produced, and the aperture oval. They form the sub-genus *Alexia* (denticulata), Leach.

*Fossil*, Eocene. Britain, France.

### CARYCHIUM, Müller.

*Type*, *C. minimum*, Pl. XII., Fig. 39.

*Synonym*, *Auricella*, Martm.

*Shell* minute, oblong, finely striated transversely; aperture oval, toothed, margin thickened, united by callus.

*Animal*, with 2 blunt, cylindrical tentacles; eyes black, sessile, near together, behind the tentacles.

*Distribution*, 9 species. Europe; North America. At the roots of grass in damp places, especially near the sea.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Miocene—. Europe.

The genus *Siphonaria*, described at p. 281, is supposed to be pulmoniferous, and to bear somewhat the same relation to *Auricula* that *Ancylus* does to *Limnaea*. The lingual dentition is similar to *Auricula*; the centre teeth are distinct, the laterals numerous and hooked.

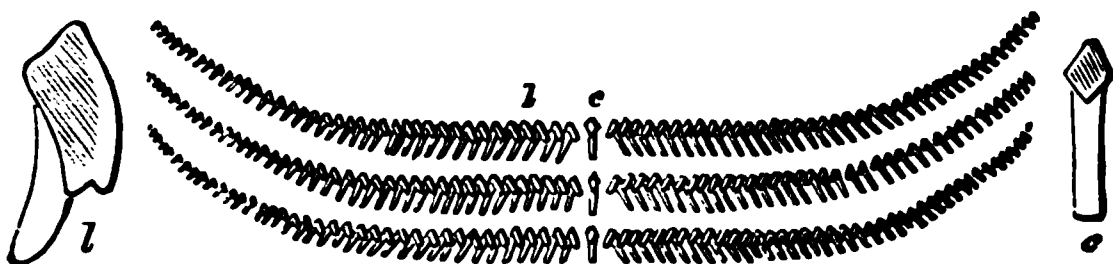


Fig. 133.\*

### SECTION B.—OPERCULATA.†

The Operculated land-snails are exceedingly like periwinkles

\* *Siphonaria* species from the Cape; three rows of teeth, *c* central, *l* laterals, from a preparation by J. W. Wilton, Esq., of Gloucester.

† *Phanera-pneumona* (open-lunged), Gray. The account of this group is chiefly taken from the catalogue prepared by my friend Dr. Baird.

(*littorinæ*), and chiefly differ from them in the situations they inhabit, and the medium respired. They have a long truncated muzzle, 2 slender contractile tentacles, and the eyes are sessile on the sides of the head.\* The mantle-margin is simple, and the pulmonary cavity is situated on the back of the neck, and quite open in front. Lingual ribbon narrow; teeth 7-ranked.

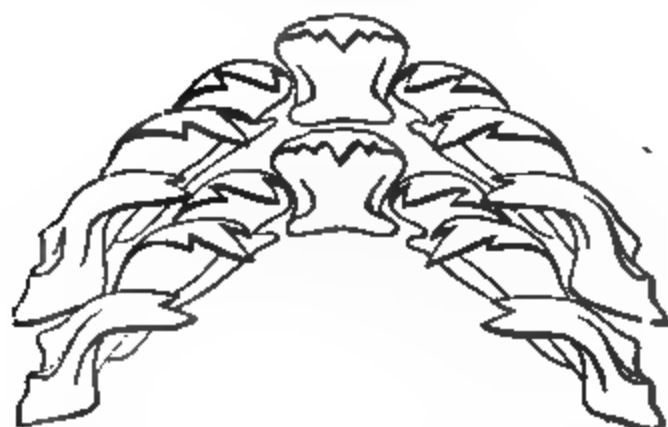


Fig. 134. Lingual teeth of *Cyclophorus*.†

The sexes are distinct; the shell is spiral, and closed by an operculum, presenting many beautiful modifications of structure characteristic of the smaller groups, which are often peculiar to limited regions, as in the *Helicidæ*. The oldest fossil species are found in the Eocene Tertiary.

#### FAMILY VI.—CYCLOSTOMIDÆ.

*Shell* spiral, rarely much elongated, often 'depressed, spirally striated; aperture nearly circular; peristome simple. Operculum distinctly spiral.

*Animal* with the eyes on slight prominences at the outer bases of the tentacles; tentacles contractile only; foot rather elongated.

#### CYCLOSTOMA, Lamarck.

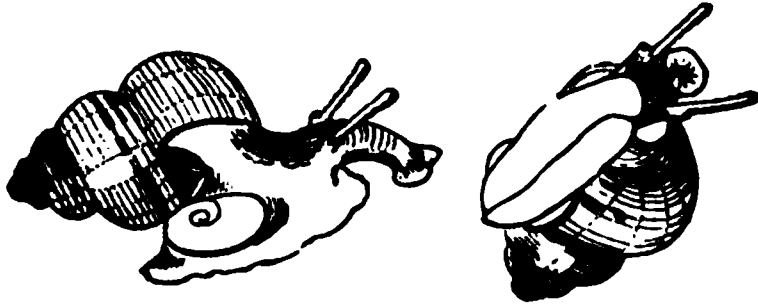
*Etymology*, *Cyclos*, circle, *stoma*, mouth.

*Type*, *C. elegans*, Pl. XII., Fig. 40.

*Synonym*, *Leonia* (*mammillaris*) and *Lithidion*, Gray.

*Shell* turbinated, thin, axis perforated; aperture oval; peristome continuous, simple, straight or expanded - epidermis

*Animal* with clavate tentacles; sole of the foot divided by a longitudinal groove, the side moved, alternately in walking; the end of the long muzzle is also frequently applied, as by the looping-snails (*Truncatellæ*), and used to assist in climbing.



. Fig. 135. *Cyclostoma elegans*, from Charlton, Kent.

*Distribution*, above 160 species. South Europe; Africa, Madagascar. The only British species, *C. elegans*, is found on calcareous soils; it ranges to the Canaries and Algeria, and occurs fossil in the newer Tertiaries. Nearly half the species have the whorls spirally keeled, and have been distinguished under the name *Tropidophora* by Troschel. They are found in Madagascar and the adjacent islands and coast of Africa.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Eocene, Europe.

*Sub-genera*. *Otopoma*, foliaceum, Gray. *Shell* sub-globose, umbilicated; peristome with an ear-like process covering part of the perforation. *Distribution*, 15 species. Arabia, Madagascar, China, New Ireland.

*Choanopoma*, lincina, Pfeiffer. *Shell* often a little decollated; peristome usually double, the outer edge angularly expanded. *Lincina* (labeo), Br., has the last whorl produced. *Jamaicia* (anomala), C. B. Adams, has the operculum convex. *Distribution*, 70 species. West Indies, and a few in Tropical America.

*Cistula* (fascia), Gray. = *Tudora*, megacheila, Gray. *Shell* ovate or elongated, apex usually decollated, peristome free; operculum with a thin shelly outer coat. *Chondropoma*, semi-labre, Pfr., differs in the operculum being "sub-cartilaginous." *Distribution*, about 70 species. West Indies; Tropical America, 8 species.

*Realia*, hieroglyphica, Gray. = *Hydrocæna* (part) Parreyss, *Omphalotropis*, Pfr. *Liarea* (Egea), Gray. *Bourciera*, helicinae-formis, Pfr. *Shell* turreted or turbinate, perforated; peristome simple, straight or expanded; operculum pauci-spiral, horny. *Distribution*, 17 species. Canaries, ? Mauritius, Pacific Islands. (Ecuador, *Bourciera*.)

*Pomatias*, maculatum, Studer. *Shell* slender, transversely striated; peristome reflected; operculum cartilaginous,

camerated within. *Distribution*, 18 species. South Europe; Corfu, India.

*Adamsiella* (*mirabilis*) Pfeiffer, 1851 = *Choanopoma*, Pfr. (part) 1847. "Operculum thin, rather cartilaginous." *Distribution*, 12 species. Jamaica, Demerara. Named after the late Professor C. B. Adams, of Amherst, Massachusetts.

*Cyclotopsis*, Blanford. Asia.

#### ? FERUSSINA, Grateloup.

*Etymology*, named in honour of Baron Ferussac.

*Type*, *F. anastomaeformis*, Gr.

*Synonym*, *Strophostoma*, Desh.

*Shell* rounded, depressed, umbilicated; whorls transversely striated above, spirally keeled below; aperture turned obliquely upwards, peristome simple. Operculum. ?

*Fossil*, 5 species. Miocene—. Dax; Turin.

#### CYCLOPHORUS, Montfort.

*Etymology*, *Cyclos*, circle, *phoreus*, bearer.

*Type*, *C. involutus*, Pl. XII., Fig. 41.

*Shell* depressed, openly umbilicated; aperture circular; peristome continuous, straight or expanded; epidermis thick; operculum horny, many-whorled.

*Animal* with long, slender pointed tentacles; foot broadly expanded, not grooved.

*Distribution*, about 150 species. India, Philippines, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, Tropical America. *C. gibbus*, Fér. (*Alycaeus*, Gray), has the last whorl distorted. *C. cornu-venatorium*, Sby. (*Aulopoma*, Troschel), Ceylon, has the peristome free when adult; the operculum is larger than the aperture, and reflected over it.

*Sub-genera*. *Pterocyclos* (*rupestris*), Benson. *Myxostoma* and *Steganostruma*, Troschel. *Shell* depressed, nearly discoidal, widely umbilicated; peristome expanded, produced into a little wing at the suture; operculum sub-cartilaginous, spirally lamellated. *Distribution*, 16 species. India, Ceylon, Birmah, Borneo ?

*Cyclotus* (*fuscescens*), Guilding (*Aperostoma*, Troschel). *Shell* depressed, widely umbilicated; operculum shelly, whorl

species. Philippines, India, New Guinea, New Zealand, Pacific Islands.

*Lomastoma*\* (cylindraceum), Guild. (Farcimen, Troschel.) *Shell* oblong or pupa-shaped, scarcely perforated, aperture circular; operculum thin, horny, many-whorled, flat. *Distribution*, 19 species. West Indies, Tropical America, Canaries, India, Mauritius. *Fossil*, Eocene—. Paris and Isle of Wight. (E. Forbes.)

*Craspedopoma* (lucidum), Pfr. *Shell* turbinate, rimate, a little contracted near the aperture; operculum round, horny, many-whorled. *Distribution*, 3 species. Madeira, Palma. *Fossil*, Eocene—. Isle of Wight, Madeira.

*Catulus* (tortuosus), Pfr. *Shell* pupa-shaped, with the base keeled, producing a channel in the front of the aperture; operculum circular, horny, the whorls easily separable. *Distribution*, 6 species. Ceylon.

*Diplommatina* (folliculus), Benson. *Shell* minute (1 species sinistral), conical, with costulated whorls; peristome double; operculum horny, multi-spiral. *Distribution*, 3 species. India.

*Opisthophorus*, Benson, 1855. *O. biciliatus*, Mouss. *Shell* like *Pterocyclos*; operculum double, margin grooved, interior concamerated. *Distribution*, 4 species. Singapore, Borneo, Java.

*Hybocystis*, Benson, 1859. *Shell* distortedly ovate; aperture circular, interior peristome deeply notched. Operculum shelly, thick, multi-spiral.

### PUPINA; Vignard.

*Type*, *P. bicanaliculata*, Sby. Pl. XII., Fig. 42. Australian Islands.

*Shell* sub-cylindrical, usually polished; aperture circular, peristome thickened, notched in front and at the suture; operculum membranous, narrow-whorled. *P. grandis*, Forbes, has a dull epidermis.

*Distribution*, 17 species. Philippines, New Guinea, New Ireland, Louisiades.

*Sub-genus*, *Rhegostoma* (nunezii), Hasselt. Aperture with a narrow channel in the middle of the columellar side. 6 species. Philippines, Nicobar. In *R. Lubricum* (Callia, Gray) the sinus is obsolete. *R. pupiniforme* (Pupinella, Gray) is perforated, and has a dull epidermis.

\* Abridged from *Megaloma-stoma*; Swainson, who judiciously curtailed several preposterously long names, allowed this to remain.

**HELICINA, Lamarck.**

*Type*, H. Neritella, Lam.

*Synonyms*, Oligyra, Say. Pachytoma, Sw. Ampullina, Bl. Pitonillus, Montfort.

*Shell* globose, depressed or keeled, callous beneath; aperture squarish or semi-lunar; columella flattened; peristome simple, expanded; operculum shelly or membranous, squarish or semi-ovate, lamellar.

*Animal* like *Cyclophorus*; lingual teeth 3.1.3. (Gray.)

*Distribution*, 162 species. West Indies, Tropical America, Pacific Islands, Australian Islands, Philippines.

*Sub-genera*. *Lucidella* (aureola), Gray. Peristome more or less toothed internally. 8 species. West Indies, Tropical America.

*Trochatella* (pulchella), Sw. *Shell* not callous beneath; peristome simple, expanded. West Indies 20 species, Venezuela 1.

*Alcadia*, Gray. A. Brownei, Pl. XII., Fig. 43. Jamaica. *Shell* helix-shaped, often velvety, callous beneath; columella flattened, straight; peristome slit in front; operculum shelly, semi-ovate, with a tooth-like process adapted to the slit in the peristome. *Distribution*, 17 species. Cuba, Jamaica, and Hayti.

**STOASTOMA, C. B. Adams.**

*Etymology*, stoa, pillared, stoma, month.

*Type*, S. pisum, Ad.

*Shell* minute, globose-conic or depressed, spirally striated; aperture semi-oval; peristome continuous; inner margin straight, forming a small spiral keel round the umbilicus; operculum shelly, lamellar.

*Distribution*, 19 species. Jamaica. *S. succineum* (Electrina, Gray) has smooth whorls. I. Opara, Polynesia. 60 new species have been added by the Hon. E. Chitty, who divides them among several new genera.

**FAMILY VII.—ACICULIDÆ.**

*Shell* elongated, cylindrical; operculum thin, sub-spiral.

*Animal* with the muzzle rather produced, slender and truncated, eyes sessile on the upper part of the head, behind the



*Synonym*, *Acme* and *Acmaea*, Hartmann.\*

*Shell* minute, slender, nearly imperforate; peristome slightly thickened, margins sub-parallel, joined by a thin callus; operculum hyaline.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Britain, Germany, France; Vanicoro (on leaves). *A. fusca* is found in low, marshy situations, at the roots of grass; it occurs fossil in the Newer Pliocene of Essex. (J. Brown.)

#### GEOMELANIA, Pfeiffer.

*Type*, *G. Jamaicensis*, Pfeiffer.

*Etymology*, *Ge*, the ground (i.e. terrestrial).

*Shell* imperforate, turreted; aperture entire, effused; peristome simple, expanded; margins joined, basal produced into a tongue-shaped process; operculum oval, pellucid, whorls few, rapidly enlarging.

*Distribution*, 21 species. Jamaica.

#### ORDER III.—OPISTHO-BRANCHIATA.

*Shell* rudimentary or wanting. *Branchiæ* arborescent or fasciculated, not contained in a special cavity, but more or less completely exposed on the back and sides, towards the rear (*opisthen*) of the body. Sexes united. (M. Edwards.)

The molluscs of this order may be termed sea-slugs, since the shell, when it exists, is usually small and thin, and wholly or partially concealed by the animal. When alarmed or removed from their native element, they retract their gills and tentacles, and present such a questionable shape that the inexperienced naturalist will be likely enough to return them, with the refuse of the dredge, into the sea. Their internal structure presents many points of interest; in some the gizzard is armed with horny spines, or large shelly plates; in others the stomach is extremely complicated, its ramifications and those of the liver being prolonged into the papillæ, which are said to be branches of the respiratory organ. The tongue is always armed, but the number and arrangement of the lingual teeth is exceedingly variable, even in the same family; usually the dental membrane is broad and short, with many similar teeth in each row.

The lingual dentition is extremely varied in the *Bullidæ*. In

\* All given in the same year, 1821, the name *Acmaea* having been employed by Eschscholtz for a genus of limpets; *Acicula* has been retained by Pfeiffer and Gray for this land-shell.

*Philina aperta* there is no central tooth; and the laterals, which increase rapidly in size backwards, have a finely denticulated membranous inner edge.

In *Tornatella* and *Bulla* (physis) the rachis is unarmed, and the lateral teeth are numerous and similar; in *Acera*, *Cylichna*, and *Amphisphyræ* there is a minute central tooth.

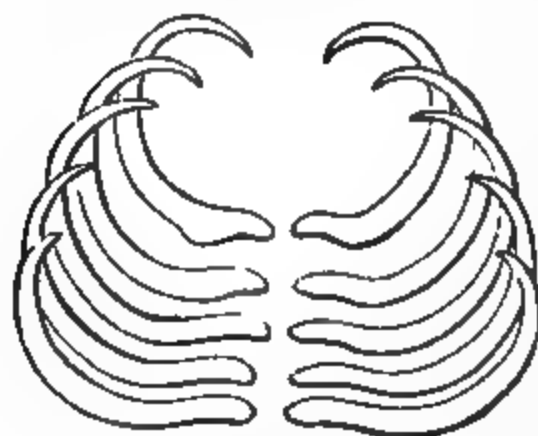


Fig. 136. *Philina aperta*. (Wilton.)

The alimentary canal terminates more in the rear of the body than in the other univalve shell-fish.\* The gills are behind the heart, and the auricle behind the ventricle; conditions which characterise the embryonic

state of the mollusca generally.

Comparatively little is known of the geographical distribution of these animals; they have been found wherever the requisite search has been made, and are probably much more numerous than at present estimated. Considerable additions, however, have been made to our knowledge on this subject by the researches of Kelaart in Ceylon and A. Adams in the Chinese seas. The shell-bearing genera flourished in the period when the secondary strata were deposited. The living species are chiefly animal-feeders, preying on other shell-fish and on zoophytes.

#### SECTION A.—TECTI-BRANCHIATA.†

*Animal* usually provided with a shell, both in the larval and adult state; branchiæ covered by the shell or mantle; sexes united.

#### FAMILY I.—TORNATELLIDÆ.

*Shell* external, solid, spiral or convoluted; sub-cylindrical;

\* In the cuttle-fishes and pteropods it is bent upon itself ventrally to the eye.



aperture long and narrow; columella plaited; sometimes operculated.

*Animal* with a flattened, disk-like head, and broad obtuse tentacles; foot ample, furnished with lateral and operculigerous lobes.

The shells of this family are chiefly extinct, ranging from the period of the coal strata, and attaining their greatest development in the cretaceous age. *Tornatella* is essentially related to *Bulla*, but presents some resemblance to the *Pyramidellidæ* in its plaited and operculated aperture; in *Tornatina* the nucleus, or apex, is sinistral. The spiral striae which ornament many of the species are punctate, as in the *Bullidæ*; and the outer lip often remarkably thickened, as in *Auricula*.

#### TORNATELLA, Lamarck.

*Type*, *T. tornatilis*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 1.

*Synonyms*, *Actæon*, Montf. (not Oken), *Dactylus* (*solidulus*), Schum. ? *Monoptygma* (*elegans*), Lea.

*Shell* solid, ovate, with a conical, many-whorled spire;

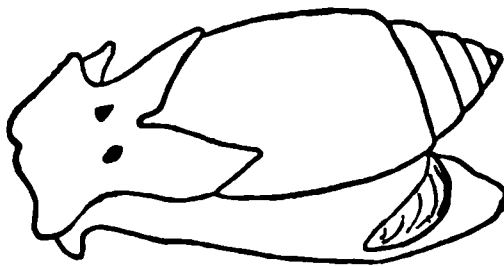


Fig. 137.

spirally grooved or punctate-striate; aperture long, narrow, rounded in front; outer lip sharp; columella with a strong, tortuous fold; operculum horny, elliptical, lamellar.

*Animal* white; head truncated and slightly notched in front, furnished posteriorly with recumbent tentacular lobes, and small eyes near their inner bases; foot oblong, lateral lobes slightly reflected on the shell. Lingual teeth 12.12, similar, with long simple hooks.

*Distribution*, 16 species. United States, Britain, Senegal, Red Sea, Philippines, Japan, Peru. *T. tornatilis* inhabits deep water—60 fathoms. (Forbes.)

*Fossil*, 70 species. Trias—Lias—. North America, Europe, South India.

*Sub-genera*. *Cylindrites* (Llhwyd), Lycett. *C. acutus*, Sby. Pl. XIV., Fig. 2. (A.) Shell smooth, slender, sub-cylindrical, spire small, aperture long and narrow, columella rounded,

twisted, and directed slightly outwards. (B.) Shell oval, spire sunk, whorls with acute margins. Bath Oolite, Britain.

*Acteonina*, D'Orbigny. Tornatellæ "without columella plaits," 30 species. Carb.—Portlandian (including *Cylindrites*).

*Acteonella*, D'Orbigny. A. *Renauxiana*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 3. Shell thick, cone-like or convoluted, spire short or concealed, aperture long and narrow, columella with 3 strong and regular spiral plaits in front. *Distribution*, 18 species. Chalk; Britain, France.

*Acteon Cabanetiana*, D'Orbigny. (*Itieria*, Matheron, 1842), Coral-rag, France, belongs to the genus *Nerinea* (D'Orbigny), p. 244.

#### CINULIA, Gray.

*Type*, C. *avellana*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 4.

*Synonyms*, *Avellana* and *Ringinella*, D'Orbigny.

Shell globular, thick, spirally grooved and punctate, spire small; aperture narrow, rounded and sinuated in front; outer lip thickened and reflected; crenulated inside, columella with several tooth-like folds.

*Fossil*, 21 species. Neocomian—Chalk. Britain, France.

RINGICULA, v. p. 222, Pl. V., Fig. 21.

#### GLOBICONCHA, D'Orbigny.

*Type*, G. *rotundata*, D'Orbigny.

*Fossil*, 6 species. Chalk. France.

Shell ventricose, smooth, aperture crescent-shaped, simple, not toothed or thickened on the columellar side.

#### VARIGERA, D'Orbigny. 1850.\*

*Type*, V. *Guerangi*, D'Orbigny.

*Fossil*, 8 species. Neoc.—Chalk. France.

Shell like *Globiconcha*, but with lateral varices.

#### TYLOSTOMA, Sharp. 1849.

*Type*, T. *Torrubiæ*, Sharp.

*Etymology*, *Tulos*, a callosity, *stoma*, mouth.

Shell ventricose, smooth or punctate-striate, spire moderate, aperture ovate-lunate, pointed above, rounded in front; outer lip periodically (once or twice in a whorl) thickened inside and expanded, rising slightly; inner lip callous, spread over body.

## ? PTERODONTA, D'Orbigny.

*Type*, *P. inflata*, D'Orbigny.

*Fossil*, 8 species. Chalk. France.

*Shell* oblong, ventricose, spire elongated; aperture oval, lip slightly expanded, notched in front, and with a tooth-like ridge internally, remote from the margin.

## ? TORNATINA, A. Adams.

*Type*, *T. voluta*. Pl. XIV., Fig. 5.

*Shell* cylindrical or fusiform, spire conspicuous, apex sinistral, suture channeled, columella callous, 1-plaited.

*Animal* with a broad, trigonal head, rounded in front; tentacular lobes triangular, with eyes at their outer bases; foot short, truncated in front.

*Distribution*, 24 species. West Indies, United States, Mediterranean, Philippines, China, Australia. On sandy bottoms, ranging to 35 fathoms. (Adams.)

*Fossil*, 13 species. Tertiary.

*Volvula*, Adams (*Bulla acuminata*, Brug.), is a small convoluted shell, with the spire concealed, and the columella obsoletely folded; it is referred to *Cylichna* by Lovén, to *Ovulum* by Forbes. *Distribution*, 12 species. Britain, Mediterranean, Asia. *Fossil*, Pliocene—. Suffolk.

## FAMILY II.—BULLIDÆ.

*Shell* globular or cylindrical, convoluted, thin, often punctate-striated; spire small or concealed; aperture long, rounded and sinuated in front; lip sharp. No operculum.

*Animal* more or less investing the shell; head a flattened disk,\* with tentacular lobes, often united; eyes immersed in the centre of the disk, or wanting; foot oblong, furnished with a posterior lobe (*meta-podium*), and side-lobes (*epipodia*); gill single on the right side of the back, covered by the shell; mantle-margin simple or expanded, and enveloping the shell. Lingual dentition very various; central teeth often wanting, laterals single or numerous. Gizzard armed with calcareous plates. Sexes united.

\* The cephalic expansion of the Bullidæ is formed by the fusion of the dorsal and oral tentacles. (Cuvier.) The tentacular lobes, or posterior part of the disk, is supplied with nerves from the olfactory ganglia; the anterior portion of the disk receives branches from the labial nerve, which comes from the front margin of the cerebroid. (Hancock.)

The *Bullidae* are animal feeders; they are said to use their lateral lobes for swimming. About 150 recent species have been described by Mr. A. Adams in Sowerby's *Thesaurus Conchyliorum*. Fossil species date from the lower Oolites; one is found in the Aralo-Caspian formation.

**BULLA, Lamarck. Bubble-shell.**

*Type*, *B. ampulla*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 6.

*Synonym*, *Haminea* (*hydatis*), Leach.

*Shell* oval, ventricose, convoluted, external or only partially invested by the animal; apex perforated; aperture longer than the shell, rounded at each end; lip sharp.

*Animal* with a large cephalic disk, truncated in front, bilobed behind, the lobes laminated beneath; eyes sub-central, immersed or wanting; lateral lobes very large, reflected on the sides of the shell, posterior lobe covering the spire; foot quadrate; gizzard furnished with 3 chiton-like plates; teeth. ?

*Bulla naucum* (*Atys*, Montf. *Alicula*, Ehr. *Rozania*, Leach). Pl. XIV., Fig. 7; has the columella twisted, and the spire entirely concealed.

*Distribution*, 50 species. In all temperate and tropical seas, especially on sandy bottoms, ranging from low water to 25 or 30 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 70 species. Oolite—. South America, United States, Europe.

*Sub-genera* ? *Crypt-opthalmus* (*smaragdinus*), Ehr. Red Sea. *Shell* scarcely convolute, fragile, oval, convex, without spire or columella. *Animal* semi-cylindrical, head with short tentacular lobes, eyes small, concealed under the lateral margins of the head, mantle and lateral lobes enveloping the shell.

*Phanerophthalmus*, A. Adams. (*Xanthonella*, Gray) *B. lutea*, Quoy, New Guinea. *Shell* oval, convex, pointed behind, columella margin with a curved process. *Animal* long, cylindrical, head with short tentacular lobes, eyes in middle of disk, lateral lobes enveloping.

*Linteria*, A. Adams (*Glaucanella*, Gray; *Smaragdinella*, A. Adams), *Bulla viridis*, Rang. Pl. XIV., Fig. 8. *Shell* oval, widely open, showing the rudimentary internal spire. *Animal* with a squarish, disk-like head, eyes sessile in the centre;

*Shell* thin, flexible, globosely-cylindrical, spire truncated, whorls channeled; aperture long, expanded and deeply sinuated in front, outer margin disunited at the suture; columella open, exposing the whorls.

*Animal* with a short and simple head-lobe, truncated in front and eyeless; lateral lobes nearly concealing the shell; lingual teeth hooked and serrulate, laterals about 40, narrow, claw-shaped; gizzard armed with horny teeth.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Greenland, Britain, Mediterranean, Zanzibar, India, New Zealand.

*A. bullata* is found amongst weed, in 1—15 fathoms water. (Forbes.)

#### CYLICHNA, Lovén.

*Type*, *C. cylindracea*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 10.

*Synonym*, *Bullina*, Risso.

*Shell* strong, cylindrical, smooth or punctate-striate; spire minute or truncated; aperture narrow, rounded in front; columella callous, with one plait.

*Animal* short and broad, not investing the shell; head flattened, truncated in front, with sub-centrally immersed eyes, tentacular lobes more or less united; foot oblong, posterior and lateral lobes not much developed; gizzard armed; lingual teeth squarish, recurved and serrated, with 1 large and 5 or 6 small hooked laterals.

*Distribution*, 40 species. United States, Greenland, Britain, Red Sea, Australia.

*Fossil*, Tertiary—. Britain.

#### ? KLEINELLA, A. Adams.

*Shell* thin, dotted, striated, columella smooth, spire obtuse.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Japan.

#### AMPHISPHYRA, Lovén.

*Type*, *A. pellucida*, Johnst. (*Amphi-sphyra*, double hammer)

*Synonyms*, *Utriculus* (part), Brown. *Rhizorus*, Montfort. *Diaphana*, Brown.

*Shell* small, thin, ovate, truncated, spire minute papillary, aperture long.

*Animal* entirely retractile into its shell; head wide, short, with lateral triangular tentacles; the eyes behind them minute, immersed; muzzle bilobed in front; foot oblong, truncated in front, notched behind; teeth 1.1.1, central quadrate, serrulate; laterals broad, hooked.

*Distribution*, 7 species. United States, Norway, Britain, Borneo, Mexico.

**BUCCINULUS**, Blanchard.

*Shell* thick; columella with two plaits; aperture small, entire in front.

*Distribution*, 10 species. South Seas.

**APLUSTREUM**, Schumacher.

*Type*, *Bulla aplustre*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 11.

*Etymology*, *aplustre*, a ship's flag.

*Synonyms*, *Bullina*, Fér. *Hydatina* (physis), Schum. *Bullinula* (scabra), Beck.

*Shell* oval, ventricose, highly coloured; spire wide, depressed; aperture truncated in front; outer lip sharp.

*Animal* with a very large foot, extending beyond the shell all round, and capable of enveloping it; a posterior lobe reflected on the spire; mantle not investing; tentacular lobes large, oval, ear-shaped; labial tentacles four; eyes small, black, sessile at the inner bases of the tentacles; lingual teeth (*B. physis*) 13.0.13, serrated.

*Distribution*, 10 species. United States, West Indies, Mauritius, Ceylon, China, Australia.

**SCAPHANDER**, Montfort.

*Type*, *S. lignarius*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 12.

*Etymology*, *scaphe*, boat, *aner*, man.

*Shell* oblong, convolute; spirally striated; aperture much expanded in front; spire concealed; epidermis thick; lingual teeth 1.0.1, crested.

*Animal* with a large oblong head, destitute of eyes; foot short and broad; lateral lobes reflected, but not enveloping the shell; gizzard with two large trigonal plates and a small narrow transverse plate (Fig. 17). It feeds on *Dentalium entale*.

*Distribution*, 13 species. United States, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean on sandy ground; 50 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 8 species. Eocene—. Britain, France.

PHILINE (Ascanius, 1762).





**oblong**; eyeless; foot broad; lateral lobes large, but not enveloping; tongue with two or four series of sickle-shaped **uncini**; gizzard with three longitudinal shelly plates. Egg

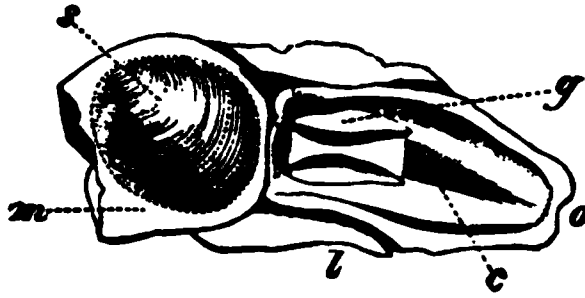


Fig. 138. *Philine aperta*.\*

capsules ovate, in single series on a long spiral thread; fry with a ciliated head-veil and an operculated, spiral shell. (Lovén.)

*Distribution*, 16 species. West Indies, Greenland, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Corea, Borneo.

*Fossil*, 7 species. Eocene—. France.

*Sub-genus*. *Chelidonura*, A. Adams, (*Hirundella*, Gray) B. *hirundinaria*, Quoy, Mauritius. *Shell* concealed; outer lip produced posteriorly into a spur; columellar border inflected. *Animal* with enveloping side-lobes; mantle with two appendages behind, like the lateral processes of *Hyalaea*.

### DORIDIUM, Meckel.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *Doris*.

*Synonym*, *Acera*, Cuvier. *Eidothea*, Risso.

*Type*, *D. membranaceum*, Meck. Mediterranean.

*Distribution*, 3 species. South Europe.

*Animal* oblong, truncated behind, the angles produced and dilated or filiform; head ovate-oblong, retuse in front; side-lobes expanded, wing-like; mantle investing a rudimentary, membranous shell.

### GASTROPTERON, Meckel.

*Type*, *G. Meckelii*, Bl. (*Clio amate*, Chiaje) Mediterranean.

*Animal* shell-less, oval, with side-lobes developed into wing-like expansions, meeting and uniting behind; cephalic disk triangular, obtuse in front, pointed behind, eyes centrally immersed; lingual teeth 5.1.5; mantle? branchial plume exposed on the right side; reproductive orifice in front of the

\* From a specimen dredged at Folkestone; *o*, mouth; *c*, head, or cephalic disc, *l*, side-lobes of the foot; *m*, mantle. The shell *s*, and gizzard *g*, are indistinctly seen through the translucent integuments.

gill, excretory opening behind it. Longitude 1, latitude 2 inches. 2 species.

**PHYSEMA, A. Adams.**

*Shell* glassy, globular, contracted in the middle and drawn out to a point in front.

*Distribution*, 1 species. West coast of North America.

*Sormetus Adansonii*, Bl., is described as semi-cylindrical, with sides grooved, head indistinct, shell unguiform, thin, and transparent.

*Atlas* (*Peron*, Bl.), Leueur. Head with two small tentacular lobes; body contracted in the middle; foot dilated circularly, and fringed at the margin.

**FAMILY III.—APLYSIADÆ.**

*Shell* wanting, or rudimentary and covered by the mantle, oblong, trigonal, or slightly convoluted.

*Animal* slug-like, with distinct head, tentacles, and eyes; foot long, drawn out into a tail behind; sides with extensive lobes, reflected over the back and shell; branchial plume concealed. Sexes united.

**APLYSIA, Gmelin. Sea Hare.**

*Type*, *A. depilans*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 14.

*Synonym*, *Siphonotus* (*geographicus*) Ad.

*Shell* oblong, convex, flexible, and translucent, with a posterior slightly incurved apex.

*Animal* oval, with a long neck and prominent back; head with four tentacles, dorsal pair ear-like with eyes at anterior lateral bases; mouth probosciform, with horny jaws, lingual teeth 13.1.13, hooked and serrated, about 30 rows; gizzard armed with horny spines; sides with ample lobes folding over the back, and capable of being used for swimming; gill in the middle of the back, covered by the shell and by a lobe of the mantle, which is folded posteriorly to form an excretory siphon.

*Distribution*, 42 species. West Indies, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Mauritius, China.

The Sea-hares are mixed feeders, living chiefly on sea-weed, but also devouring animal substances; they inhabit the laminarian zone, and oviposit amongst the weed in spring, at



(Goodsir.) In old times they were objects of superstitious dread, on account of their grotesque forms, and the imaginary properties of their fluid, which was held to be poisonous and to produce indelible stains.\*

*Fossil*, one or two shells of the newest tertiary in Sicily have been doubtfully referred to this genus.

*Sub-genus. Aclesia* (dolabrifera), Rang. *Shell* trapeziform. Side-lobes closely enveloping the body, leaving only a small dorsal respiratory opening, surface ornament with filaments. 9 species. East Indies.

#### DOLABELLA, Lamarck.

*Type*, D. Rumphii, Pl. XIV., Fig. 15.

*Etymology*, *dolabella*, a small hatchet.

*Shell* hard, calcareous, trigonal, with a curved and callous apex.

*Animal* like *Aplysia*, with gill near posterior extremity of the body and lateral crests closely appressed, leaving only a narrow opening; ornamented with branching filaments.

*Distribution*, 12 species. Mediterranean, Mauritius, Ceylon, Society Islands, Sandwich Islands.

#### STYLOCHEILUS, Gould, 1841.

*Synonym*, *Aplysia longicauda* Q. and G.

*Animal* limaciform, cirrigerous, dilated at the sides, attenuated behind; neck distinct; tentacles 4, long, linear, papillose, far apart; lips dilated laterally into tentacular processes.

*Distribution*, 3 species. New Guinea, on *Fuci*.

#### DOLABRIFERA, Grube.

*Shell* trapezoidal; side-lobes not used for swimming.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Indian Ocean, West America.

#### SIPHONOPYGE, Brown.

*Shell* truncated in front; foot-lobes spread out for swimming; posterior part extended beyond the siphon.

*Distribution*, 6 species. West America, Chinese Sea.

#### NOTARCHUS, Cuvier.

*Type*, N. Cuvieri, Bl.

*Etymology*, *notos*, the back, *archos*, vent.

*Synonym*, *Busiris* (griseus), Risso, ? *Bursatella* (Leachii), Bl.

\* *Aplysia* (from *a* and *pluo*) un-washable: the *Aplysia* of the Greek fishermen were sponges unfit for washing.

*Animal* shell-less, ornamented with filaments, sometimes dendritic, foot narrow, lateral crests united, leaving only a narrow branchial slit; gills not covered by an opercular mantle lobe.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Mediterranean, Red Sea.

#### ICARUS, Forbes, 1843.

*Type*, *I. Gravesii*, F.

*Synonym*, *Lophocercus* (Sieboldtii) Krohn, 1847.

*Shell* like *Bullæa*; convoluted, thin, ovate, covered with epidermis, outer lip separated at the suture, posterior angle inflected and rounded.

*Animal* slender, papillose; tentacles 2, ear-shaped; eyes sessile on sides of head; side-lobes reflected and partly covering the shell, united behind; tail long and pointed.

#### LOBIGER, Krohn.

*Type*, *L. Philippii*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 16. Sicily.

*Shell* oval, transparent, flexible, slightly convoluted; covered with epidermis.

*Animal* slender, papillose, with two flattened, oval tentacles, and minute sessile eyes on the sides of the head; shell exposed on the middle of the back, covering the plume-like gill; sides with two pairs of rounded, dilated lobes, or natatory appendages, foot linear, tail long and slender.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Atlantic; South Europe.

#### FAMILY IV.—PLEUROBRANCHIDÆ.

*Shell* limpet-like or concealed, rarely wanting; mantle or shell covering the back of the animal; gill lateral, between the mantle-margin and foot; food vegetable, stomach extremely complicated.

#### PLEUROBRANCHUS, Cuvier.

*Example*, *P. membranaceus*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 17.

*Etymology*, *pleura*, side, *branchia*, gill.

*Synonyms*, *Berthella* (plumula), Bl. *Oscanus* (membr.), Gray.

*Shell* internal, large, oblong, flexible, slightly convex.



base of the gill; head with two grooved tentacles, eyes at their outer bases; mouth armed with horny jaws and covered by a broad veil with tentacular lobes.

*Distribution*, 22 species. South America, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Red Sea, Ceylon.

*Sub-genus?* *Pleurobranchæa*, Meckel; *P. Meckellii*, Leve, Mediterranean. *Synonym*, *Pleurobranchidium* (maculatum), Quoy, South Australia. Mantle-margin very narrow, not concealing the gill; dorsal tentacles ear-like, oral veil tentaculiform.

#### POSTEROBRANCHÆA, D'Orbigny.

*Type*, *P. maculata*, D'Orbigny. Coast of Chili.

*Animal* shell-less; oval, depressed, covered by a mantle broader than the foot; foot oblong, bilobed behind; branchial plume on the left side, projecting posteriorly; reproductive orifice in front of gill, excretory behind; proboscis covered by a broad bilobed veil; no dorsal tentacles.

#### RUNCINA, (Forbes) Hancock.

*Type*, *R. Hancocki*, Forbes.

*Synonym*, ? *Pelta*, Quatr. (not Beck).

*Animal* minute, slug-like, with a distinct mantle; eyes sessile on the front part of the mantle; no tentacles; gills 3, slightly plumose, placed with the vent on the right side, at the hinder part of the back, beneath the mantle; gizzard armed; reproductive organs on the right side.

*Distribution* on *Confervæ* near high-water mark, Torbay.

#### NEDA, H. and A. Adams.

*Animal* shell-less; mouth terminating a proboscis, which is long and thin; oral veil half-moon shaped, with two lateral recurved tentacles.

*Distribution*, 1 species. South Europe.

#### SUSARIA, Grube.

*Shell* small; mantle tuberculated, extending well over both head and foot; notched in front.

*Distribution*, 1 species. South Europe.

#### UMBRELLA, Chemnitz. Chinese-umbrella shell.

*Type*, *U. umbellata*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 18.

*Synonym*, *Acardo*, Lam. *Gastroplax*, Bl.

*Shell*, limpet-like, orbicular, depressed, marked by concentric

lines of growth; apex sub-central, oblique, scarcely raised; margins acute; inner surface with a central coloured and striated disk, surrounded by a continuous irregular muscular impression. It has a minute sinistral nucleus.

*Animal* with a very large tuberculated foot, deeply notched in front; mouth small, probosciform, retractile into the pedal notch, covered by a small-lobed veil; dorsal tentacles ear-shaped, with large plicated cavities at their bases; eyes small, sessile between the tentacles; mantle not extending beyond the shell; gill forming a series of plumes beneath the shell in front and on the right side; reproductive organ in front of the dorsal tentacles; excretory orifice posterior, tubular.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Canaries, Mediterranean, India, China, Sandwich Islands.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Oolite—. United States, Sicily, Asia.

#### TYLODINA, Rafinesque.

*Type*, *T. punctulata*, Raf. (= *citrina*, Joannis). 3 species. Mediterranean, Norway.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Tertiary.

*Shell* limpet-like, depressed, apex sub-central, with a minute spiral nucleus.

*Animal* oblong, foot truncated in front, rather pointed behind; dorsal tentacles ear-like, with eyes sessile at their inner bases; oral tentacles broad; branchial plume projecting posteriorly on the right side.

#### FAMILY V.—PHYLLIDIADÆ.

*Animal* shell-less, covered by a mantle, branchial laminae arranged in series on both sides of the body, between the foot and mantle. Sexes united.

#### PHYLLIDIA, Cuvier.

*Type*, *P. pustulosa*, Cuvier.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *phylon*, a leaf.

*Animal* oblong, covered with a coriaceous tuberculated mantle; dorsal tentacles clavate, retractile into cavities near the front of the mantle; mouth with two tentacles; foot broadly oval; gills forming a series of laminae extending the

## FRYERIA, Grube.

Excretory orifice on the side of the foot under the mantle, which is leathery and warty; 6 gills entire length of both sides.

*Distribution*, 1 species. South Sea, East Africa.

## HYPOBRANCHIÆ, A. Adams.

Mantle cuticular; gills limited to the hinder part of the body; excretory orifices at the side, under the mantle.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Japan.

## DIPHYLLIDIA, Cuvier.

*Type*, *D. Brugmansii*, Cuvier.

*Synonym*, *Pleurophyllidia*, Chiaje. *Linguella*, Bl.

*Animal* oblong, fleshy; mantle ample; gills limited to the hinder two-thirds of the body; head with minute tentacles and a lobe-like veil; vent at the right side, behind the reproductive orifices; lingual teeth 30.1.30.

*Distribution*, 9 species. Norway, Britain (*D. lineata*, Otto), Mediterranean, India.

## SECTION B.—NUDIBRANCHIATA.

*Animal* destitute of a shell except in the embryo state; branchiæ always external, on the back or sides of the body. Sexes united.

The Nudibranchiate sea-slugs are found on all coasts where the bottom is firm or rocky, from between tide-marks to a depth of 50 fathoms; a few species are pelagic, crawling on the stems and fronds of floating sea-weed. They have been found by Middendorff, in the Icy Sea, at Sitka, and in the sea of Ochotsk; in the tropical and southern seas they are abundant. No satisfactory account, however, has been published of any except the European, and especially the British species, which form the subject of an admirable monograph by Messrs. Alder and Hancock, in the publications of the Ray Society. They require to be watched and drawn whilst living and active, since after immersion in spirits they lose both their form and colour. In some the back is covered with a *cloak* or mantle (?), which contains calcareous spicula of various forms, sometimes so abundant as to form a hard shield-like crust.\* The dorsal tentacles and gills pass through holes in the cloak somewhat like the "key-hole" in *Fissurella*. In others there is no trace of a

\* According to Mr. Huxley, the "cloak" of the Dorids is not the equivalent of the mantle, but "has more relation to the epipodium"

mantle whatever. The eyes appear as minute black dots, unnumbered in the skin, behind the tentacles: they are well organised and conspicuous in the young, but often invisible in the adult. The lateral tentacles are laminated, like the antennae of many insects. (Fig. 11, p. 17.) they are never used as organs of touch, and are supplied with nerves from the olfactory ganglia. The nervous centres are often conspicuous by their bright orange colour: they are concentrated *above* the oesophagus: three pairs are larger than the rest, the *cerebroid* in front, the *branchial* behind, and the *pedal* ganglia at the sides. The cerebroid supplies nerves to the tentacles, mouth, and lips.

The *olfactory* ganglia are sessile on the front of the cerebroid (in *Doris*, or situated at the base of the tentacles (in *Æolis*). The *optic* ganglia are placed on the posterior border of the cerebroid, the *auditory* capsules are sessile on the cerebroid, immediately behind the eyes, they contain an agglomeration of minute *otoliths*, which are continually oscillating.\* The *buccal* ganglia are below the oesophagus, united to the cerebroid by commissures, forming a ring: anterior to this a small ring is sometimes formed by the union of the fifth pair of nerves. The *pedal* ganglia (properly intra-oesophageal) are united laterally to the cerebroid and rarely meet below, but are united by commissures which form, together with those of the branchial centres, the third ring, or *great nervous collar*. The *branchial* ganglia are united behind to the cerebroid, and sometimes blend with them: they supply the skin of the back, the rudimentary mantle, and the gills: beneath and sessile on their front border is the single *visceral* ganglion. Besides this *excitatory* system (which includes the great centres, or brain, and the nerves of sensation and voluntary motion), the nudibranchs possess a *sympathetic* system, consisting of innumerable minute ganglia, dotted over all the viscera, united by nerves forming plexuses, and connected in front with the buccal and branchial centres.†

The digestive organs of the Nudibranchs present two remarkable modifications: in *Doris* and *Tritonæa* the liver is compact

\* The auditory capsules of other Mollusca (excepting the Nudibranchs) are





and the stomach a simple membranous sac; whilst in *Æolis* the liver is disintegrated, and its canals so large that the process of digestion must be chiefly carried on in them, and they are regarded as coecal prolongations of the stomach; the caeca extend into a series of gill-like processes, arranged upon



Fig. 139. *Dendronotus arborescens*.

the back of the animal, which also contain part or the whole of the true liver; the gastric ramifications vary exceedingly in amount of complexity. The *Dorididae* are distinguished by having a short and wide lingual membrane with numerous similar teeth; the *Æolids* have a narrow ribbon with a single series of larger teeth. In *Dendronotus* a large central tooth is flanked by a few small denticulated teeth. (Alder and Hancock, Pl. II., Fig. 8.)

The only Nudibranch with a solid upper jaw, is *Ægirius punctilucens* (A. and H., Pl. XVII., Fig. 15). In other instances the two halves are articulated and act as lateral jaws. In *Ægirius* the mouth is also furnished with membranous fringes (A. and H., Pl. XVII., Fig. 14). *Ancula cristata* has a formidable spinous collar (Pl. XVII., Fig. 7).

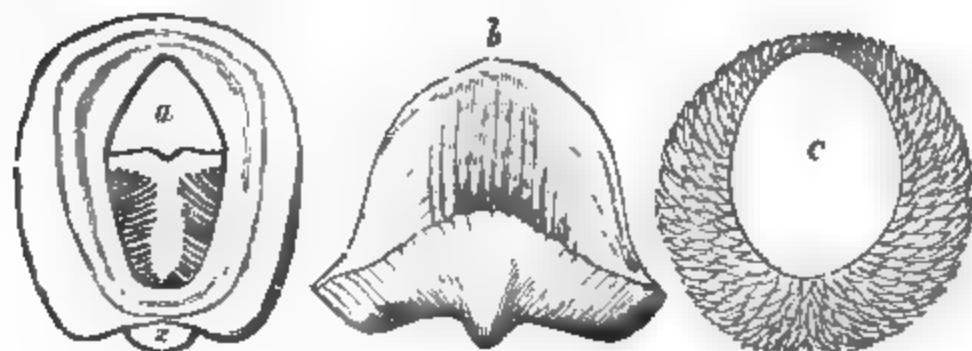


Fig. 140. *a*, Mouth of *Ægirius punctilucens*.

*b*, Horny upper mandible detached.

*c*, Prehensile collar of *Ancula*.

*a*, mantle; *x*, dental sac; *b*, insertion-plate of mandible; *c*, passage of mouth.

The vascular system and circulation of the nudibranchiate molluscs is incomplete. In *Doris* veins can be traced only in the liver and skin; the greater part of the blood from the arteries escapes into the visceral sinus and into a network of

sinuses in the skin, from which it returns to the auricle by two lateral veins, without having circulated through the gills. The heart is contained in a *pericardium* to which is attached a small ventricle, or *portal* heart, for impelling blood to the liver; the hepatic veins run side by side with the arteries and open into a circular vein, surrounding the vent, and supplying the gills. Only hepatic blood, therefore, circulates through the gills. In *Æolis* there are no special gills, but the gastro-hepatic papillæ are accompanied by veins which transmit blood to the auricle. The skin acts as an accessory breathing-organ; it performs the function entirely in the *Ælysiadæ*, and in the other families, when by accident the branchiæ are destroyed. The water on the gills is renewed by ciliary action. The fry is provided with a transparent, nautiloid shell, closed by an operculum, and swims with a lobed head-veil fringed with cilia, like the young of most other gasteropods. (Hancock and Embleton, Phil. Trans. 1852. An. Nat. Hist. 1843.)

#### FAMILY VI.—DORIDÆ.\* Sea-lemons.

*Animal* oblong; gills plume-like, placed in a circle on the middle of the back; tentacles two; eye-specks immersed, behind the tentacles, not always visible in the adult; lingual membrane usually with numerous lateral teeth, rachis often edentulous; stomach simple; liver compact; skin strengthened with spicula, more or less definitely arranged.

##### DORIS, L.

*Etymology*, *doris*, a sea-nymph.

*Example*, *D. Johnstoni*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 1.

*Synonyms*, *Dendrodoris*, Eb. *Hemidoris*, Strp.

*Animal* oval, depressed; mantle large, simple, covering the head and foot; dorsal tentacles 2, clavate or conical, lamellated, retractile within cavities; gills surrounding the vent on the posterior part of the back, retractile into a cavity; head with an oral veil, sometimes produced into labial tentacles; mouth with a lower mandible, consisting of two horny plates, united near the front, and having 2 projecting points; lingual teeth numerous, central small, laterals similar, hooked and sometimes





## GONIODORIS, Forbes.

*Etymology*, *gonia*, an angle.

*Type*, *G. nodosa*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 2.

*Animal* oblong; tentacles clavate, laminated, non-retractile; mantle small, simple, exposing the head and foot. Spawn coiled irregularly.

*Distribution*, 26 species. Norway, Britain (2 species), Mediterranean, China. Between tide-marks.

## TRIOPA, Johnston.

*Type*, *T. claviger*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 3.

*Synonym*, *Psiloceros*, Menke.

*Animal* oblong; tentacles clavate, retractile within sheaths; mantle margined with filaments; gills few, pinnate, around or in front of the dorsal vent. (A. and H.) Lingual teeth 8.1.8, or 8.0.8.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Norway and Britain. Low water—20 fathoms.

## ÆGIRUS, Lovén.

*Type*, *Æ. punctilucens*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 4

*Etymology*, ? *aix* (*aigos*), a goat.

*Animal* oblong or elongated, covered with very large tubercles; no distinct mantle; tentacles linear, retractile within prominent lobed sheaths; gills dendritic, placed around the dorsal vent. (A. and H.) Lingual teeth 17.0.17.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Norway, Britain (2 species), France. Littoral zone.

## THECACERA, Fleming.

*Etymology*, *theke*, a sheath, *ceras*, a horn.

*Type*, *T. pennigerum*, Mont.

*Animal* oblong, smooth; tentacles clavate, laminated, retractile within sheaths; head with a simple frontal veil; gills pinnate, placed round the dorsal vent, and surrounded by a row of tubercles. (A. and H.)

*Distribution*, Britain, 2 species. Length,  $\frac{1}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Found at low water.

## POLYCEPHALUS, Cuvier





acicular processes ; gills with 2 or more lateral appendages. and H.)

**Distribution**, Norway (8 species), Britain, Red Sea. Within marks and in deep water on corallines. The spawn is strap-shaped, and coiled on stones, in July and August. *P. ocellata* (Euplocamophorus, Rüppell) has the cephalic tentacles branched.

#### IDALIA, Leuckart.

**Etymology**, *Idalia*, Venus, from Mount Idalium, in Cyprus.

**Synonyms**, *Euplocamus*, Phil. *Peplidium* (Maderæ), Lowe.

**Example**, *I. aspersa*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 6. Coralline zone.

**Animal** broadly oblong, nearly smooth, tentacles clavate or pear, with filaments at their base ; head slightly lobed at the sides ; mantle very small, margined with filaments ; lingual with 2.0.2.

**Distribution**, 14 species. Norway, Britain (4 species), Mediterranean, Madeira, Japan.

#### ANCULA, Lovén.

**Synonym**, *Miranda*, A. and H.

**Type**, *A. cristata*, Alder.

**Animal** slender, elongated ; mantle entirely adnate, ornamented with simple filaments ; tentacles clavate, laminated ; with filiform appendages at their base ; labial veil produced on each side.

**Distribution**, 2 species. Norway and Britain. Length,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

#### CERATOSOMA (Gray), A. Adams.

**Etymology**, *ceratois*, horned, *soma*, body.

**Type**, *C. cornigerum*, Ad.

**Animal** oblong, narrow, with two large and prominent horn-like processes on the posterior part of the back, behind the gills ; gills 5, bipinnate ; dorsal tentacles clavate, laminated, rising from rounded tubercles, non-retractile ; head with short lateral processes ; foot narrow.

**Distribution**, 2 species. Sooloo Sea. (A. Adams.)

#### TREVELYANA, Kelaart. 1858.

**Body** without a cloak. Two dorsal tentacles, without sheaths ; non-retractile. Mouth in front of head, without tentacles. Branchiæ in a circular disk on the back, non-retractile.

**Distribution**, 1 species (*T. Ceylonica*). Ceylon.

## CRIMORA, A. and H.

*Body* limaciform. Cloak nearly obsolete, forming a veil with branched appendages over the head, and a papillated ridge on the sides of the back. Dorsal tentacles laminated, retractile within sheaths; oral tentacles tubercular. Branchiæ plumose, non-retractile. Lingual teeth 26.0 26.

## PELAGELLA, Grube.

*Animal* oblong; tentacles sheathless; head-veil without processes; ridge along the middle of the back, and two lateral ones; 8 feathery gills arranged in a circle.

*Distribution*, 1 species. South Europe.

## GYMNODORIS, Steenstrup.

*Animal* oblong; tentacles sheathless; gills, with lateral processes, dendritic, 2 or more in number.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Japan.

## ACANTHODORIS, Grube.

*Animal* oblong; tentacles sheathless; retractile within a cavity in the mantle; several fleshy processes on the back; 8 feathery non-retractile gills.

*Distribution*, 2 species. North Sea.

## CASELLA, H. and A. Adams.

*Tentacles* retractile within sheaths; gills laminated, with 6 lobes.

*Distribution*, 1 species. East India.

## BRACHYCHLAMIS, Ehrenberg.

*Mantle* long, angular; tentacles in front of the edge of mantle.

*Distribution*, 1 species. East Africa.

## FAMILY VII.—TRITONIADÆ.

*Animal* with laminated, plumose, or papillose gills, arranged along the sides of the back; tentacles retractile into sheaths; lingual membrane with 1 central and numerous lateral teeth; orifices on the right side



each side of the back; mouth armed with horny jaws; stomach simple, liver compact.

*Distribution*, 13 species. Norway and Britain. Under stones at low water,—25 fathoms. *T. Hombergii*, Cuvier, found on the scallop-banks, attains a length exceeding 6 inches.

### SCYLLÆA, L.

*Type*, *S. pelagica*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 8.

*Etymology*, *scyllæa*, a sea-nymph.

*Animal* elongated, compressed; foot long, narrow, and channeled, adapted for clasping sea-weed; back with 2 pairs of wing-like lateral lobes, bearing small tufted branchiæ on their inner surfaces; tentacles dorsal, slender, with lamellated tips, retractile into long sheaths; lingual teeth 24.1.24, denticulated; gizzard armed with horny, knife-like plates; orifices on the right side.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Atlantic, South Britain, Mediterranean. On floating sea-weed.

*Nerea* (punctata), Lesson, New Guinea; 10 lines long, with ear-shaped tentacles, and 3 pairs of dorsal lobes.

### TETHYS, L.

*Etymology*, *tethys*, the sea (personified).

*Synonym*, *Fimbria*, Bohadsch.

*Type*, *T. fimbriata*, L., Pl. XIII., Fig. 9.

*Animal* elliptical, depressed; head covered by a broadly expanded, fringed disk, with 2 conical tentacles, retractile into foliaceous sheaths; gills slightly branched, a single row down each side of the back; reproductive orifices behind first gills, vent on right side, behind second gill; stomach simple.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Mediterranean. Attains a foot in length, and feeds on other molluscs and crustaceans. (Cuvier.)

### ? BORNELLA (Gray), A. Adams.

*Type*, *A. Adamsii*, Gray. Length, 4 inches.

*Animal* elongated; dorsal tentacles retractile into branched sheaths; head with stellate processes; back with two rows of cylindrical, branched, gastric processes, to which small dendritic gills are attached;\* foot very narrow.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Straits of Sunda, on floating weed; Borneo.

\* This observation deserves further inquiry.

## ? DENDRONOTUS, A. and H.\*

*Etymology*, *dendron*, a tree, *notos*, the back.

*Type*, *D. arborescens*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 10.

*Animal* elongated; tentacles laminated; front of the head with branched appendages; gills arborescent, in single series down each side of the back; foot narrow; lingual teeth 10.1.10; stomach and liver ramified.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Norway and Britain. On sea-weed and corallines; low water—coralline zone.

## ? DOTO, Oken.

*Etymology*, *doto*, a sea-nymph.

*Example*, *D. coronata*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 11.

*Animal* slender, elongated; tentacles linear, retractile into trumpet-shaped sheaths; veil small, simple; gills ovate, mucated, in single series down each side of the back; lingual membrane slender, with above 100 recurved, denticulated teeth, in single series; foot very narrow.

The stomach is ramified, and the liver is entirely contained in the dorsal processes, which fall off readily when the animal is handled, and are soon renewed.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Norway and Britain. On corallines in deep water—50 fathoms.

## GELLINA, Gray.

*Head* simple; papillæ or gills smooth.

*Distribution*, 1 species. North Sea.

## ? MELIBŒA, Rang.

*Type*, *M. rosea*, Rang; on floating weed, off the Cape.

*Animal* elongated, with a narrow, channeled foot and long, slender tail; sides of the back with 6 pairs of tuberculated lobes, easily deciduous; tentacles cylindrical, retractile into long trumpet-shaped sheaths; head covered by a lobe-like veil; sexual orifices behind right tentacle, excretory behind first gill on the right side.

*Distribution*, 3 species. South Sea and South Africa.

## ? LOMANOTUS, VERNY.



*Animal* elongated, smooth; head covered with a veil; tentacles clavate, laminated, retractile into sheaths; gills filamentose, arranged along the sides of the back, on the wavy margins of the mantle; foot narrow, with tentacular processes in front; stomach ramified.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Britain and Mediterranean. On corallines.

#### FAMILY VIII.—ÆOLIDÆ.

*Animal* with papillose gills (?), arranged along the sides of the back; tentacles sheathless, non-retractile; lingual teeth 0.1.0; ramifications of the stomach and liver extending into the dorsal papillæ; excretory orifices on the right side; skin smooth, without spicula; no distinct mantle.

#### ÆOLIS, Cuvier.

*Synonyms*, Psiloceros, Menke. Eubranchus, Forbes. Amphorina, Quatref.

*Type*, *Æ. papillosa*, L.

*Etymology*, *Æolis*, daughter of *Æolus*.

*Animal* ovate; dorsal tentacles smooth, oval, slender; papillæ simple, cylindrical, numerous, depressed, and imbricated; mouth with a horny upper jaw, consisting of two lateral plates, united above by a ligament; foot narrow; tongue with a single series of curved, pectinated teeth; spawn of numerous waved coils.

*Sub-genera*. *Flabellina*, Cuvier. (*Phyllodesmium*, Ehr.) Body slender; dorsal tentacles laminated, buccal long; papillæ clustered; spawn multi-spiral. *Example*, *E. Coronata*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 13 (also Fig. 11, p. 17).

*Cavolina*, Brug. (*Montagua*, Flem.), *C. peregrina*. Body lanceolate; tentacles smooth or wrinkled; papillæ in transverse, rather distant rows; spawn of 1 or 2 coils.

*Facelina*, Grube. Like *Flabellina*, but with the foot small, and the two front angular portions drawn out to a point.

*Distribution*, 5 species. Sitka, North Sea.

*Coryphella*, Landsborough. Like *Cavolina*, but with papillæ arranged in groups. 4 species.

*Tergipes*, Cuvier, *T. lacinulata*. Body linear; tentacles smooth; papillæ in a single row on each side; spawn kidney-shaped.

*Distribution*, Norway, Britain (33 species). United States, Mediterranean, South Atlantic, Pacific. Found amongst rocks at low water; they are active animals, moving their tentacles continually, and extending and contracting their papillæ; they swim

readily at the surface, inverted. They feed chiefly on sertularian zoophytes, and if kept fasting will devour each other; when irritated they discharge a milky fluid from their papillæ, which are very liable to fall off.

### GLAUCUS, Forster.

*Etymology*, *glaucus*, a sea-deity.

*Synonyms*, *Laniogerus*, Bl. *Pleuropus*, Raf.

*Example*, *G. Atlanticus*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 14.

*Animal* elongated, slender; foot linear, channeled; tentacles 4, conical; jaws horny; teeth in single series, arched and pectinated; gills slender, cylindrical, supported on 3 pairs of lateral lobes; stomach giving off large cœca to the tail and side lobes; liver contained in the papillæ; sexual orifice beneath first dextral papilla, vent behind second papilla; spawn in a close spiral coil.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Atlantic, Pacific. Found on floating sea-weed; devours small sea-jellies, *Porpita* and *Veilella*. (Bennet.)

### FRONA, Alder and Hancock.

*Type*, *F. nobilis*, A. and H.

*Synonym*, *Oithona*, A. and H. (not Baird).

*Animal* elongated; oral and dorsal tentacles linear; mouth armed with horny jaws; gills (?) papillary, clothing irregularly a sub-pallial expansion on the sides of the back, each with a membranous fringe running down its inner side.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Falmouth. Under stones at low water. (Dr. Cocks.)

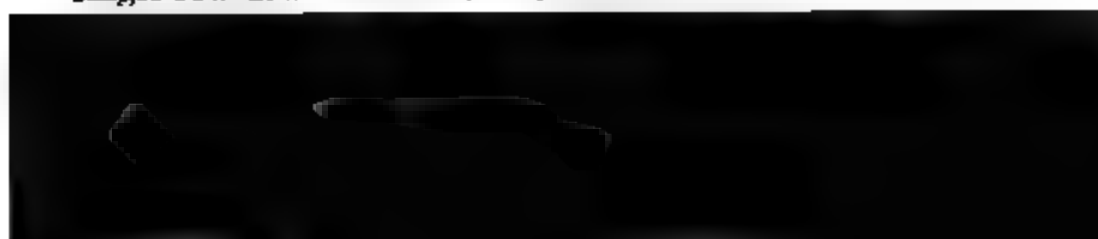
### EMBLETONIA, A. and H.

*Etymology*, dedicated to Dr. Embleton, of Newcastle.

*Synonyms*, *Pterochilus*, A. and H. ? *Oleolia* (*formosa*), Lovén.

*Type*, *E. pulchra*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 16.

*Animal* slender; tentacles 2, simple; head produced into a flat lobe on each side; papillæ simple, sub-cylindrical, in a single row down each side of the back.



**CALMA, Alder and Hancock.**

*Animal* sharply angular in front; foot broad; papillæ simple and supported on cylindrical bases; tentacles small.

*Distribution*, 1 species. North Sea.

**FAVORINUS, Grube.**

*Animal* with slender cephalic tentacles knobbed at the extremity; oral tentacles 2 pair; papillæ arranged in several oblique rows.

*Distribution*, 1 species. North Sea.

**GALVINA, Alder and Hancock.**

*Animal* with papillæ in transverse rows; oral tentacles short and tapering; rounded in front.

*Distribution*, 2 species. North Sea.

**CUTHONIA, Alder and Hancock.**

*Animal* with head naked and expanded; papillæ clavate and arranged in thick-set rows.

*Distribution*, 1 species. North Sea.

**FILURUS, Dekker.**

Foot stunted; body slender; tentacles 2; mouth on a loose fringe of skin with 2 small oral feelers; papillæ in 2 long rows down the back. 1 species.

**PROCTONOTUS, A. and H.**

*Type*, *P. mucroniferus*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 16. Dublin, shallow water.

*Synonyms*, *Venilia*. A. and H. *Zephrina*, Quatref.

*Animal* oblong, depressed, pointed behind; dorsal tentacles 2, linear, simple, with eyes at their base, behind; oral tentacles short; head covered by a small semi-lunar veil; mouth with horny jaws; papillæ on ridges down the sides of the back and round the head in front; vent dorsal.

*Distribution*, 3 species. North Atlantic.

**ANTIOPA, A. and H.**

*Type*, *A. splendida*, A. and H.

*Synonym*, *Janus*, Verany.

*Animal* ovate-oblong, pointed behind; dorsal tentacles lamel-  
lated, united at the base by an arched crest; head with a small

veil and two labial tentacles; papillæ ovate, placed along the lateral ridges of the back and continuous above the head; vent central, posterior, sexual orifice at the right side; lingual teeth numerous. ♀

*Distribution*, 3 species. Britain, Mediterranean.

#### HERMÆA, Lovén.

*Type*, *H. bifida*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 17. Norway, Britain.

*Animal* elongated, tentacles folded longitudinally; papillæ numerous, arranged down the sides of the back; sexual orifice below right tentacles; vent dorsal, or sub-lateral, anterior.

#### ALDERIA, Allman.

*Etymology*, named after Joshua Alder, one of the authors of the "Monograph on the British Nudibranchiate Mollusca."

*Type*, *A. modesta*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 18. 3 species. Norway, South Ireland, and South Wales.

*Animal* oblong, without tentacles; head lobed at the sides; papillæ arranged down the sides of the back; vent dorsal, posterior.

? *Stiliger* (*ornatus*), Ehrenberg; Red Sea. Vent dorsal, anterior.

#### CHIORÆA, Gould, 1855.

*Animal* oblong; head large, pedunculated and provided with oral cirri; papillæ foliaceous and arranged in two lateral rows; generative organs on the right side. *C. leonina*, Puget Sound.

#### FAMILY IX.—PHYLLIRHOIDÆ.

*Animal* pelagic, foot-less (*apodal*), compressed, swimming freely with a fin-like tail; tentacles 2, dorsal; lingual teeth in a single series; stomach furnished with elongated coeca; orifices on the right side; sexes united.

#### PHYLLIRHOE, Péron and Lesueur.

*Etymology*, *phyllon*, a leaf, *rhoe*, the wave.

*Synonym*, *Eurydice*, Esch.

*Type*, *P. bucephala*, Péron.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Mediterranean, Moluccas, Pacific.



## FAMILY X.—ELYSIADÆ.

*Animal* shell-less, limaciform, with no distinct mantle or breathing-organ; respiration performed by the ciliated surface of the body; mouth armed with a single series of lingual teeth; stomach central, vent median, sub-central; hepatic organs branched, extending the length of the body and opening into the sides of the stomach; sexes united; male and ovarian orifices below the right eye; female orifice in the middle of the right side; heart with an auricle behind, and traces of an arterial and venous system, eyes sessile on the sides of the head, tentacles simple or obsolete.\*

## ELYSIA, Risso.

*Type*, *E. viridis*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 19.

*Synonym*, *Actæon*, Oken.

*Animal* elliptical, depressed, with wing-like lateral expansions; tentacles simple, with sessile eyes behind them; foot narrow.

*Distribution*, 8 species. Britain, Mediterranean. On *Zostera* and sea-weed, in the laminarian zone. *Placo-branchus* (ocellatus, Rang.) Hasselt, Java; described as 2 inches long, with four small tentacles; the lateral expansions much developed and meeting behind, the upper surface longitudinally plaited, and forming, when the side-lobes are rolled together, a sort of branchial chamber.

## ACTEONIA, Quatrefages.

*Example*, *A. corrugata*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 20. British Channel.

*Animal* minute, leech-like; head obtuse, with lateral crests proceeding from two short conical tentacles, behind which are the eyes. 2 species.

## CENIA, Alder and Hancock.

*Type*, *C. Cocksii*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 21.

*Etymology*, *cenia*, Falmouth.

*Synonym*? *Fucola* (rubra) (Quoy).

\* Order *Dermi-branchiata*, Quatref. (*Pelli-branchiata*, A. and H.) M. Quatrefages erroneously described the *Elysiadæ* as wanting both heart and blood-vessels, like the Ascidian zoophytes; with them he associated the family *Æolidæ*, which he described as having a heart and arteries, but no veins, their office being performed by lacunæ of the areolar tissue. In both families the product of digestion (*chyle*) was supposed to be aerated in the gastric ramifications, by the direct influence of the surrounding water. To this group, which has been since abandoned, he applied the name *Phleboterata* (*phlebs*, a vein, *entera*, the intestines).

*Animal* limaciform, back elevated, head slightly angulated, bearing two linear dorsal tentacles, with eyes at their outer bases behind.

#### LIMAPONTIA, Johnston.

*Type*, *L. nigra*, Pl. XIII., Fig. 22.

*Synonyma*, *Chalidis*, Qu. *Pontolimax*, Cr.

*Animal* minute, leech-like; head truncated in front, with arched lateral ridges on which are the eyes; foot linear.

*Distribution*, Norway, England, and France, between half-tide and high-water, feeding on *Conferva*, in the spring and summer; spawn in small pear-shaped masses, each with 50-150 eggs; fry with a transparent nautaloid shell, closed by an operculum.

#### RHODOPE, Kölliker, 1847.

*Example*, *R. Veranii*.

*Animal* minute, similar to *Limapontia*? worm-shaped, rather convex above, flat beneath; without mantle, gills, or tentacles. Upon algæ, Messina.

### ORDER IV.—NUCLEOBRANCHIATA. Bl.\*

The present order consists entirely of pelagic animals, which swim at the surface, instead of creeping on the bed of the sea. Their rank and affinities entitle them to the first place in the class; but their extremely aberrant form, and unusual mode of progression, have caused us to postpone their description till after that of the ordinary and typical *gasteropoda*.

There are two families of nucleobranchiate molluscs; the *firolas* and *carinarias*, with large bodies and small or no shells, and the *Atlantas*, which can retire into their shells and close them with an operculum. Both animal and shell are symmetrical, or nearly so: the nucleus of the shell is minute and dextrally spiral.

The *nucleobranchs* swim rapidly by the vigorous movements of their fin-like tails, or by a fan-shaped ventral fin; and adhere to sea-weed by a small sucker placed on the margin of the latter. Mr. Huxley has shown that these organs represent the three essential parts of the foot in the most highly



foot (*pro-podium*), which is very distinct in *Natica* (p. 235), and in *Harpa* and *Oliva*; but is only marked by a groove in *Paludina* and *Dolium* (Fig. 87). The terminal fin (or tail of *Carinaria*), which carries the operculum of *Atlanta*, is the equivalent of the operculigerous lobe (*meta-podium*) of the ordinary gasteropods, such as *Strombus* (Fig. 76).

The abdomen, or visceral mass, is small, whilst the anterior part of the body (or *cephalo-thorax*, M. Edwards) is enormously developed. The proboscis is large and cylindrical, and the tongue armed with recurved spines. The alimentary canal of *Firola* is bent up at a right angle posteriorly on the dorsal side; in *Atlanta* it is recurved, and ends in the branchial chamber. The heart is *proso-branchiate*, although in *Firola* the auricle is rather above than in front of the ventricle, owing to the small amount of the dorsal flexure.

The nucleobranchs, and especially those without shells, “afford the most complete ocular demonstration of the truth of Milne Edwards’s views with regard to the nature of the circulation in the *mollusca*. Their transparency allows the blood-corpuscles to be seen floating in the general cavity of the body—between the viscera and the outer integument—and drifting backwards to the heart; having reached the wall of the auricle they make their way through its meshes as they best can, sometimes getting entangled therein, if the force of the heart has become feeble. From the auricle they may be followed to the ventricle, and thence to the aorta and pedal artery, through whose open ends they pour into the tissues of the head and fin.” (Huxley.)

Such delicate and transparent creatures would hardly seem to need any special breathing-organ, and, in fact, it is present or absent in species of the same genus, and even in specimens of the same species. *Carinaria* has fully-formed branchiæ; in *Atlanta* they are sometimes distinct, and wanting in others; in *Firoloides* they are only indicated by a ciliated sub-spiral band. The larvæ are furnished with a shell, and with ciliated *vela*. (Gegenbaur.)

The nucleobranchs are *diæcious*; some individuals (of *Firola*) have a leaf-like appendage, others a long slender egg-tube depending from the oviduct, and regularly annulated.\* The larvæ are furnished with a shell and with ciliated *vela*. (Gegenbaur.)

The nervous system is remarkable for the wide separation of

\* We can only call to mind one other example of a segmented organ in the *mollusca*, viz., the penniform styles of *Teredo bipalmulata*.

the centres. The buccal ganglia are situated considerably in front of the cephalic, and the *pedal ganglia* are far behind, so that the commissures which unite them are nearly parallel with the oesophagus. The *branchial ganglia* are at the posterior extremity of the body, as in the bivalves. The eyes are hour-glass shaped, and very perfectly organised; the auditory vesicles are placed behind, and connected with the cephalic ganglia, they each contain a round otolite, which sometimes seems to oscillate. (Huxley.)

#### FAMILY I.—FIROLIDÆ.

*Animal* elongated, cylindrical, translucent, furnished with a ventral fin, and a tail-fin used in swimming; gill exposed on the posterior part of the back, or covered by a small hyaline shell. Mouth with a circular lip; lingual membrane with few rows of teeth; central teeth transversely elongated, with 3 recurved cusps; laterals 3 on each side, the first a transverse plate with a hooked apex, 2 and 3 sickle-shaped.\*

#### FIROLA, Peron and Lesueur.

*Type*, *F. Coronata*, Forsk. Mediterranean.

*Synonym*, *Pterotrachea*, Forsk.

*Animal* fusiform, elongated, with a long, slender, proboscidi-form head; fin narrowed at the base, furnished with a small sucker; tail elongated, keeled, sometimes pinnate; nucleus prominent; branchial processes numerous, conical, slender; tentacles 4, short and conical; eyes black and distinct, protected by a rudimentary eyelid; lingual ribbon oblong. The female *firolæ* have a long moniliform oviduct. *Anops Peronii*, D'Orbigny, described and figured as having no head (!), was probably a mutilated *Firola*. "Such specimens are very common, and seem just as lively as the rest." (Huxley.)

*Distribution*, 14 species. Atlantic, Mediterranean, Pacific.

*Sub-genus*. *Firoloides*, Lesueur. (*Cerophora*, D'Orbigny). *F. Desmarestii*, Les. Body cylindrical; head tapering, furnished with two slender tentacles; nucleus at the posterior extremity of the body, with or without small branchial filaments; egg-

## CARINARIA, Lamarck.

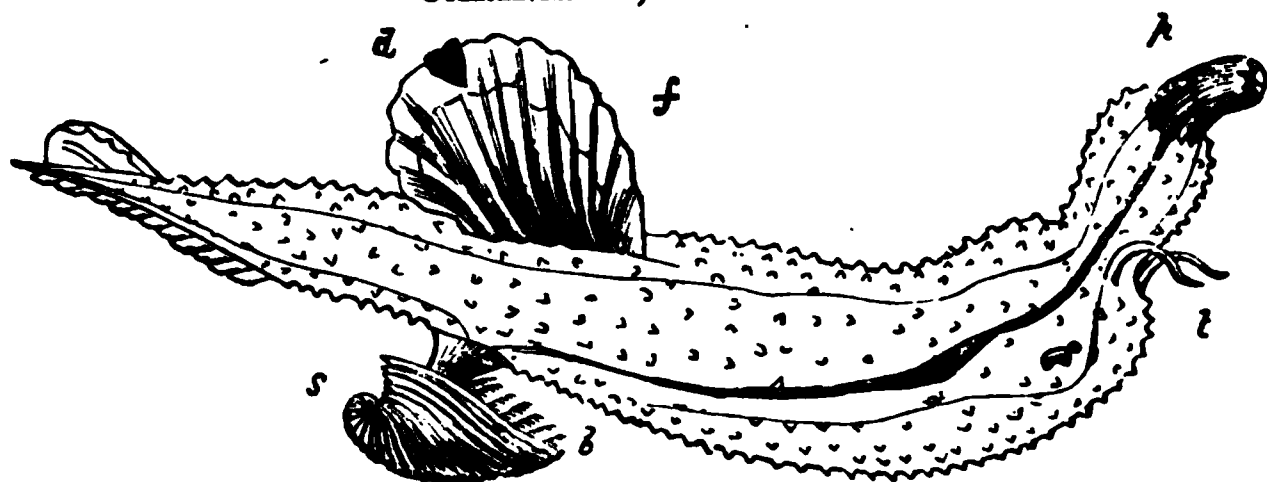


FIG. 141.\*

*Etymology*, *carina*, a keel (or keeled vessel).

*Type*, *C. cymbium*, Desh. = *C. cristatus*, L., Fig. 141, Pl. XIV., Fig. 19.

*Shell* hyaline, symmetrical, limpet-shaped, with a posterior sub-spiral apex and a fimbriated dorsal keel · nucleus minute, dextrally spiral.

*Animal* large, translucent, granulated; head thick, cylindrical; lingual ribbon triangular, teeth increasing rapidly in size, from the front backwards; tentacles long and slender, eyes near their base; ventral fin rounded, broadly attached, with a small marginal sucker; tail large, laterally compressed; nucleus pedunculated, covered by the shell, gills numerous, pinnate, projecting from beneath the shell.

*Distribution*, 8 species. Mediterranean and warmer parts of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. They feed on small *Acalephæ*, and probably on the *pteropoda*; Mr. Wilton found in the stomach of a *Carinaria* two fragments of quartz rock, weighing together nearly 3 grains.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Miocene. Turin.

## CARDIAPODA, D'Orbigny.

*Example*, *C. placenta*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 20.

*Etymology*, *cardia*, heart, *pous*, foot.

*Synonym*, *Carinaroides*, Eyd. and Souleyet.

*Animal* like *Carinaria*.

*Distribution*, 5 species. Atlantic.

*Shell* minute, cartilaginous; peristome expanded and bi-lobed in front, enveloping the spire behind.

## FAMILY II.—ATLANTIDÆ.

*Animal* furnished with a well-developed shell, into which it

\* Fig. 141. *p*, proboscis; *t*, tentacles; *b*, branchiæ; *s*, shell; *f*, foot; *d*, disc.

can retire; gills contained in a dorsal mantle cavity; lingual tooth similar to *Curinaria*.

*Shell* symmetrical, discoidal, sometimes closed by an operculum.

#### ATLANTA, Lesueur.

*Type*, *A. Peronii*, Pl. XIV., Figs. 21-23.

*Synonym*, *stera*, Esch.

*Shell* minute, glassy, compressed and prominently keeled; nucleus dextrally spiral; aperture narrow, deeply notched at the keel; operculum ovate, pointed, lamellar, with a minute, apical, dextrally spiral nucleus.

*Animal* 3-lobed; head large, sub-cylindrical; tentacles conical, with conspicuous eyes behind them; ventral fin flattened, fan-shaped, furnished with a small fringed sucker; tail pointed, operculigerous.

*Distribution*, 18 species. Warmer parts of the Atlantic, Canary Islands.

*Sub-genus*, *Oxygyrus*, Benson. *Synonyms*, *Ladas*, Cantraine; *Helico-phlegma*, D'Orbigny. *O. Keraudrenii*, Pl. XIII., Figs. 24, 25. *Shell* milky, narrowly umbilicated on both sides; nucleus not visible; back rounded, keeled only near the aperture; body whorl, near the aperture, and keel cartilaginous; no apertural slit; operculum trigonal, lamellar. 4 species. Atlantic, Mediterranean.

The *Atlanta* was discovered by Lamanon, who supposed it to be the living analogue of the Ammonite. The operculum of *Oxygyrus* (Pl. XIII., Fig. 25) is singularly like the *Trigonellites* (p. 182); that of *Atlanta* (Fig. 22) is the only example of a dextral operculum to a dextral shell (p. 207).

#### PORCELLIA, Lévêille.

*Example*, *P. Puzosi*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 29.

*Shell* discoidal, many-whorled; whorls keeled or coronated; nucleus spiral; aperture with a narrow dorsal slit.

*Fossil*, 10 species. Upper Silurian — Trias. Britain, Belgium.

#### BELLEROPHON, Montfort.



*Fossil*, 128 species. Lower Silurian—Carb. North America, Europe, Australia, India. The name *Bucania* was given by Hall to the species with exposed whorls; in *B. expansus*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 28, the aperture of the adult shell is much expanded, and the dorsal slit filled up. (Salter.)

*Bellerophina*, D'Orbigny (not Forbes), is founded on the *Nautilus minutus*. Sby. Pl. XIV., Fig. 26, a small globular shell, spirally striated, and devoid of *septa*. It is found in the *gault* of England and France.

### CYRTOLITES, Conrad.

*Type*, *C. ornatus*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 30.

*Etymology*, *kurtos*, curved, *lithos*, stone.

*Shell* thin, symmetrical, horn-shaped or discoidal, with whorls more or less separate, keeled, and sculptured.

*Fossil*, 13 species. Lower Silurian—Carb. North America, Europe.

? *Ecculiomphalus* (*Bucklandi*), Portlock, Pl. XIV., Fig. 31. Lower Silurian, Britain, United States. *Shell* thin, curved, or discoidal with few widely separate whorls, slightly unsymmetrical, keeled.



Fig. 142. *Maclurea Logani* (Salter), L. Silurian, Canada.

### ? MACLUREA, Lesueur.

Named after William Maclure, the first American geologist.

*Shell* discoidal, few-whorled, longitudinally grooved at the back, and slightly rugose with lines of growth; dextral side convex, deeply and narrowly perforated; left side flat, exposing the inner whorls; operculum sinistrally sub-spiral, solid with two internal projections (*t t*), one of them beneath the nucleus, very thick and rugose.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Lower Silurian. North America; Scotland (Ayrshire, M'Coy).

This singular shell abounds in the "Chazy" limestone of the United States and Canada; sections of it may be seen even in the pavement of New York; but specimens are very difficult to obtain. We are indebted to Sir W. E. Logan, of the Geological Survey, Canada, for the opportunity of

examining a large series of silicified specimens, and of figuring a perfect shell, with its operculum *in situ*. It has more the aspect of a bivalve, such as *Requienia Lonsdalii* (Pl. XVIII., Fig. 12) than of a spiral univalve, but has no hinge. Many of the specimens are overgrown with a zoophyte, generally on the convex side only, rarely on both sides.

The *Maclurea* has been described as *sinistral*; but its operculum is that of a dextral shell; so that the spire must be regarded as deeply sunk and the umbilicus expanded, as in certain species of *planorbis*; unless it is a case conversely parallel to *Atlanta*, in which both shell and operculum have dextral nuclei. The affinities of *Maclurea* can only be determined by careful examination and comparison with allied, but less abnormal forms, associated with it in the oldest fossiliferous rocks; its relation to *Euomphalus* (p. 267) is not supported by the evidence of Sir W. Logan's specimens.

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### CLASS III.—PTEROPODA.

THIS little group consists of animals whose entire life is passed in the open sea, far away from any shelter, save what is afforded by the floating gulf-weed, and whose organisation is specially adapted to that sphere of existence. In appearance and habits they strikingly resemble the fry of the ordinary sea-snails, swimming like them by the vigorous flapping of a pair of fins. To the naturalist ashore they are almost unknown; but the voyager on the great ocean meets with them where there is little else to arrest his attention, and marvels at their delicate forms and almost incredible numbers. They swarm in the tropics, and no less in Arctic seas, where by their myriads the water is discoloured for leagues. (Scoresby.) They are seen swimming at the surface in the heat of the day, as well as in the cool of the evening. Some of the larger kinds have prehensile tentacles, and their mouths armed with lingual teeth, so that, fragile as they are, they probably feed upon still smaller and feebler creatures (e.g. *entomostraca*). In high latitudes they are the principal food of the whale, and of many sea-birds. Their shells are rarely drifted on shore, but abound in the fine sediment brought up by the dredge from great depths. A few species occur in the tertiary strata of England and the Continent; in the older rocks they are unknown, unless some comparatively gigantic forms (*conularia* and *theca*) have been rightly referred to this order.

In structure, the *Pteropoda* are most nearly related to the marine univalves, but much inferior to them. Their nervous *ganglia* are concentrated into a mass *below* the oesophagus; they have auditory vesicles, containing otolites; and are sensible of light and heat, and probably of odours, although at most they possess very imperfect eyes and tentacles. The true foot is small or obsolete; in *oleodora* it is combined with the fins, but in *Clio* it is sufficiently distinct, and consists of two elements; in *Spirialis* the posterior portion of the foot supports an *operculum*. The fins are developed from the sides of the mouth or neck, and are the equivalents of the side-lappets (*epipodia*) of the sea-snails. The mouth of *Pneumodermon* is furnished with two tentacles supporting miniature suckers; these organs have been compared with the dorsal arms of the cuttle-fishes, but it is doubtful whether their nature is the same.\* A more certain point of resemblance is the ventral flexure of the alimentary canal, which terminates on the under surface, near the right side of the neck. The pteropods have a muscular gizzard, armed with gastric teeth; a liver; a pyloric cœcum; and a contractile renal organ opening into the cavity of the mantle. The heart consists of an auricle and a ventricle, and is essentially *opisthobranchiate*, although sometimes affected by the general flexure of the body. The venous system is extremely incomplete. The respiratory organ, which is little more than a *ciliated surface*, is either situated at the extremity of the body and unprotected by a mantle, or included in a branchial chamber with an opening in front. The shell, when present, is symmetrical, glassy, and translucent, consisting of a dorsal and a ventral plate united, with an anterior opening for the head, lateral slits for long fili-form processes of the mantle, and terminated behind in one or three points; in other cases it is conical, or spirally coiled or closed by a spiral operculum. The sexes are united, and the orifices situated on the right side of the neck. According to Vogt, the embryo Pteropod has deciduous *vela*, like the sea-snails, before the proper locomotive organs are developed. (Huxley.)

From this it would appear that while the Pteropoda present some analogical resemblances to the *Cephalopoda*, and permanently *represent* the larval stage of the sea-snails, they are developed on a type sufficiently peculiar to entitle them to rank

\* The figures of Eydoux and Souleyet represent them as being supplied with nerves from the *cephalic ganglia*; whereas the arms of the cuttle-fish, and all other parts or modifications of the foot in the *mollusca*, derive their nerves from the *pedal ganglia*. (Huxley.)

as a distinct group; not indeed of equal value with the *Gastropoda*, but with one of its orders.

This group, the lowest of the univalve or encephalous orders, makes no approach towards the bivalves or *acephala*. Forskahl and Lamarck indeed compared *Hyalæa* with *Terebratula*; but they made the ventral plate of one answer to the dorsal valve of the other, and the anterior cephalic orifice of the pteropodous shell correspond with the *posterior*, byssal foramen of the bivalve!

#### SECTION A.—THECOSOMATA, Bl.\*

*Animal* furnished with an external shell; head indistinct; foot and tentacles rudimentary, combined with the fins; mouth situated in a cavity formed by the union of the locomotive organs; respiratory organ contained within a mantle cavity.

#### FAMILY I.—HYALEIDÆ.

*Shell* straight or curved, globular or needle-shaped, symmetrical.

*Animal* with two large fins, attached by a columellar muscle passing from the apex of the shell to the base of the fins; body enclosed in a mantle; gill represented by a transversely plaited and ciliated surface, within the mantle cavity, on the *ventral* side; lingual teeth (of *Hyalæa*) 1.1.1, each with a strong recurved hook.

#### HYALEA, Lamarck

*Etymology*, *hyalëos*, glassy.

*Synonym*, *Cavolina*, Gioeni, not Brug.

*Type*, *H. tridentata*, Fig. 143. Pl. XIV., Fig. 32.

*Shell* globular, translucent; dorsal plate rather flat, produced into a hood; aperture contracted, with a slit on each side;

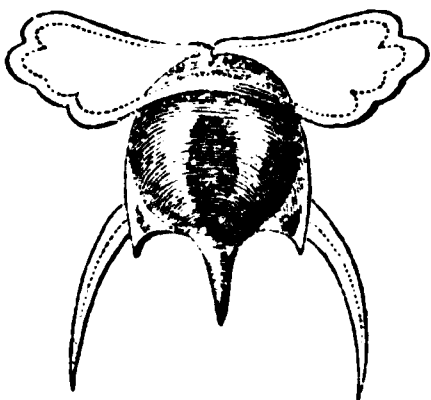


Fig. 143. *H. tridentata*.

posterior extremity tridentate. In *H. trispinosa* (*Diacria*, Gray) the lateral slits open into the cervical aperture.

*Animal* with long appendages to the mantle, passing through the lateral slits of the shell; tentacles indistinct; fins united by a semicircular ventral lobe, the equivalent of the posterior element of the foot.

*Distribution*, 19 species. Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Miocene—. Sicily, Turin, Dax.

\* *Theke*, a case, *soma*, a body; several of the genera have no shells.



## CLEODORA, Peron and Lesueur.

*Synonyms*, Clio, L. (part) not Müller. Balantium, Leach MS.

*Type*, *C. pyramidata*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 33.

*Shell* pyramidal, three-sided, striated transversely; ventral side flat, dorsal keeled; aperture simple, triangular, with the angles produced; apex acute.

*Animal* with rudimentary eyes; tentacles obsolete; mantle-margin with a siphonal (?) process; fins ample, united ventrally by a rounded lobe; lingual teeth 1.1.1. The transverse bars of the gills, the heart, and other organs are visible through the pellucid shell. In *C. curvata* and *pellucida* (*Pleuropus*, Esch.) the mantle is furnished with two long filaments on each side.

*Distribution*, 12 species. Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Pacific, Cape Horn.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Miocene—. Britain. (*C. infundibulum*, Crag.)

*Sub-genus*. *Creseis*, Rang. (*Styliola*, Lesueur.) *C. aciculata*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 34. Slender, conical, pointed, straight, or curved. Fins rather narrow, truncate, with small tentacles projecting from their dorsal edges, and rudiments of the *mesopodium* on their surface; mantle-margin with a spiral process on the left side. M. Rang states that he has seen these pteropods clustering round floating seaweed.

*Distribution*, 6 species (like *Cleodora*).

## CUVIERIA, Rang.\*

Dedicated to Baron Cuvier.

*Type*, *C. columnella*, Rang, Pl. XIV., Fig. 35.

*Shell* cylindrical, transparent; aperture simple, transversely ovate; apex acute in the young, afterwards partitioned off, and usually deciduous.

*Animal* with simple narrow fins, united ventrally by two small lobes; lingual teeth 1.1.1.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Atlantic, India, Australia.

*Fossil*, 1 species. (*C. astesana*, Rang.) Pliocene, Turin.

*Sub-genus*. *Vaginella*, Daud. *V. depressa*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 36. *Shell* oblong, with a pointed apex; aperture contracted, transverse. *Fossil*, 4 species. Miocene. Bordeaux, Turin.

## THECA, Morris. 1845.

*Type*, *T. lanceolata*.

\* Under the name of "triptère," MM. Quoy and Gaimard described the fragment of a pteropod, since ascertained to have been a *Cuvieria*

*Synonyms*, *Creseis*, Forbes.\* *Pugiunculus*, Barr.

*Shell* straight, conical, tapering to a point, back flattened, aperture trigonal. Length, 1-8 inches.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Palæozoic. North America, Britain, New South Wales. ? Permian.

#### PREROTHECA, Salter.

*Type*, *P. transversa*, Portlock. 3 species, Lower Silurian; Ireland, Wales, Canada.

*Shell* bi-lobed, transversely oval, with a dorsal keel projecting slightly at each end; ventral plate small triangular.

#### ? CONULARIA, Miller.



*Etymology*, *conulus*, a little cone.

*Type*, *C. quadrisulcata*, Fig. 144.

*Shell* four-sided, straight, and tapering, the angles grooved, sides striated transversely, apex partitioned off.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Silurian—Carb. North America, Europe, Australia.

*Sub-genus*. *Coleoprion* (*gracilis*), Sandberger; Devonian. Germany. *Shell* round, tapering, sides obliquely striated, striae alternating along the dorsal line.

Fig 144.†

#### EURYBIA, Rang. 1827.†

*Etymology*, *Eurybia*, a sea-nymph.

*Synonym*, *Thecenrybia*, Bronn.

*Example*, *E. Gaudichaudi*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 37 (after Huxley).

*Animal* globular; fins narrow, truncated, and notched at the ends, united ventrally by a small lobe (*metapodium*); mouth with two elongated tentacles, behind which are minute eye-peduncles and a two-lobed rudimentary foot (*mesopodium*); body enclosed in a cartilaginous integument, with a cleft in front, into which the locomotive organs can be retracted. Lingual teeth, 1.0.1.

The animal has no proper gill, but Mr. Huxley has observed two ciliated circles surrounding the body, as in the larva of *Pneumoderm*.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Atlantic and Pacific.

*Sub-genus*, *Pseud.* Rang. (*Halepsyche*, Brown.) *P. globulosa*.



.. XIV., Fig., 38. *Animal* globular, with two simple oval fins.  
*Distribution*, 1 species. Off Newfoundland

CYMBULIA, Peron and Lesueur.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *cymba*, a boat.

*Type*, *C. proboscidea*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 39 (after Adams).

*Shell* cartilaginous, slipper-shaped, pointed in front, truncated posteriorly; aperture elongated, ventral.

*Animal* with large rounded fins connected ventrally by an elongated lobe; mouth furnished with minute tentacles; lingual teeth 1.1.1; stomach muscular, armed with two sharp plates.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean.

TIEDEMANNIA, Chiaje.

*Type*, *T. Neapolitana*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 40.

Named after Fr. Tiedemann.

*Animal* naked, transparent, fins united, forming a large rounded disk; mouth central; tentacles elongated, connate; eye-tubercles minute. Larva shell-bearing.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Mediterranean, Australia.

FAMILY II.—LIMACINIDÆ.

*Shell* minute, spiral, sometimes operculate.

*Animal* with fins attached to the sides of the mouth, and united ventrally by an operculigerous lobe; mantle-cavity opening dorsally; excretory orifices on the right side.

The shells of the true *limacinidæ* are sinistral, by which they may be known from the fry of *Atlanta*, *Carinaria*, and most other Gasteropods.

LIMACINA, Cuvier

*Etymology*, *limacina*, snail-like.

*Synonym*, *Spiratella*, Bl.

*Example*, *L. antarctica* (drawn by Dr. Joseph Hooker), Pl. XIV., Fig. 41.

*Shell* sub-globose, sinistrally spiral, umbilicated; whorls transversely striated; umbilicus margined; no operculum.

*Animal* with expanded fins, notched on their ventral margins; operculum lobe divided; lingual teeth 1.1.1.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Arctic and Antarctic Seas; gregarious.

SPIRIALIS, Eydoux and Souleyet.

*Example*, *S. bulimoides*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 42.

*Synonyms*, *Heterofusus*, Fleming. *Heliconoides*, D'Orbigny. *Peracle*, Forbes. *Scaea*, Ph.

*Shell* minute, hyaline, sinistrally spiral, globose or turreted, smooth or reticulated; operculum thin, glassy, semilunar, slightly spiral, with a central muscular scar.

*Animal* with narrow, simple fins, united by a simple, transverse operculigerous lobe; mouth central, with prominent lips.

*Distribution*, 12 species. Greenland and Norway to Cape Horn, Indian Ocean, Pacific.

### ? CHELETROPIS, Forbes.

*Etymology*, *chele*, a claw, and *tropis*, a keel.

*Synonym*, *Sinusigera*, D'Orbigny.

*Type*, *C. Huxleyi*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 43.

*Shell* dextrally spiral, imperforate, double-keeled; nucleus sinistral; aperture channelled in front; peristome thickened, reflected, with two claw-like lobes.

*Animal* gregarious in the open sea.

The species comprised in this and the following genus are young gasteropods. (See pp. 212, 225.)

*Distribution*, 2 species. South America and South-east Australia.

Another minute spiral shell may be noticed here:—

### MACGILLIVRAYIA, Forbes.

Named after its discoverer, the naturalist to H.M.S. *Rattlesnake*.

*Type*, *M. pelagica*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 44.

*Shell* minute, dextrally spiral, globular, imperforate, thin, horny, translucent; spire obtuse; aperture oblong, entire; peristome thin, incomplete; operculum thin, horny, concentric, nucleus sub-external.

*Animal* with 4 long tentacles, mantle with a siphonal process; foot expanded, truncated in front, furnished with a float after the manner of *Ianthina*; lingual dentition closely resembling *Jeffreysia*.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Taken in the towing-net off Capo Byron, East coast of Australia, 15 miles from shore, floating, and apparently gregarious. (J. Macgillivray.) Mindoro, North Atlantic. (Adams.)

## SECTION B.—GYMNOSOMATA, Bl.

**Animal** naked, without mantle or shell; head distinct; fins attached to the sides of the neck; gill indistinct.

## FAMILY III.—CLIIDÆ.

Body fusiform; head with tentacles often supporting suckers; foot small, but distinct, consisting of a central and posterior lobe; heart *opistho-branchiate*; excretory orifices distant, on the right side; lingual teeth (in *Clio*) 12.1.12, central wide, denticulated, uncini strongly hooked and recurved.

## CLIO (L.),\* Müller.

*Etymology*, *Clio*, a sea-nymph.

*Synonym*, Clione, Pallas.

*Type*, *C. borealis*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 45. (*C. caudata*, L., part.)

*Head* with 2 eye tubercles and 2 simple tentacula; mouth with lateral lobes, each supporting 3 conical retractile processes, furnished with numerous microscopic suckers; fins ovate; foot lobed. In swimming, the *Clio* brings the ends of its fins almost in contact, first above and then below. (Scoresby.)

*Distribution*, 4 species. Arctic and Antarctic Seas, Norway, India.

*Sub-genus*? *Cliodita* (fusiformis), Quoy and Gaimard. Head supported on a narrow neck; tentacles indistinct. 4 species. Cape, Amboyna.

## PNEUMODERMON, Cuvier.

*Etymology*, *Pneumon*, lung (or gill), *derma*, skin.

*Type*, *P. violaceum*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 47.

*Body* fusiform; head furnished with ocular tentacles; lingual teeth 4.0.4; mouth covered by a large hood supporting two small, simple, and two large acetabuliferous tentacles, suckers numerous, pedicillate, neck rather contracted; fins rounded; foot oval, with a pointed posterior lobe; excretory orifice situated near the posterior extremity of the body, which has small branchial processes, and a minute rudimentary shell

\* This name was employed by Linnæus for all the Pteropoda then known; his definition is most suited to the "northern clio," probably the only species with which he was personally acquainted. The first species enumerated in the Syst. Nat. is *C. caudata*, and reference is made to an indeterminable figure in Brown's Jamaica, and to Marten's account of the Spitzbergen mollusc (*C. borealis*). In cases like this the rule is to adopt the practice of the next succeeding naturalist who defines the limits of the group more exactly.

In the fry of *Pneumodermum* the end of the body is encircled with ciliated bands. (Müller.)

*Distribution*, 4 species. Atlantic, India, Pacific Ocean.

*Sub-genus?* *Spongiobranchæa*, D'Orbigny. S. *Australis*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 46. Gill (?) forming a spongy ring at the end of the body; tentacles each with 6 rather large suckers. *Distribution*, 2 species. South Atlantic (Fry of *Pneumodermum*?). *Trichocyclops*, Eschscholtz, T. *Dumerilii*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 43. *Animal* without acetabuliferous tentacles? mouth probosciform; front of the head surrounded with a circle of cilia, and two others round the body.

? *PELAGIA*, Quoy and Gaimard.

*Etymology*, *Pelagus*, the deep sea (not = *Pelagia*, Peron and Les.).

*Type*, *P. alba*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 49. Amboyna.

*Animal* fusiform, truncated in front, rough; neck slightly contracted; fins small, fan-shaped.

*CYMODOCEA*, D'Orbigny.

*Etymology*, *Kumodoke*, a Nereid.

*Type*, *C. diaphana*, Pl. XIV., Fig. 50.

*Animal* fusiform, truncated in front, pointed behind; neck slightly contracted; fins 2 on each side, first pair large and rounded, lower pair ligulate; foot elongated; mouth probosciform.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Atlantic.

### CHAPTER III.

#### CLASS IV.—BRACHIOPODA, Cuvier, 1805.

(= Order *Pallio-branchiata*, Blainville, Prodr. 1814.)

THE *Brachiopoda* are bivalve shell-fish which differ from the ordinary mussels, cockles, &c., in being always *equal-sided*, and never quite *equivalve*. Their forms are symmetrical, and so commonly resemble antique lamps, that they were called *lampalles* or "lamp-shells" by the old naturalists (Meuschen.

The valves of the *Brachiopoda* are respectively dorsal and ventral; the ventral valve is usually largest, and has a prominent beak, by which it is attached, or through which the organ of adhesion passes. It is sometimes perforated, as in the *Terebratulidæ*. The dorsal, or smaller valve, is always free and imperforate. The valves are articulated by two curved teeth, developed from the margin of the ventral valve, and received by sockets in the other; this hinge is so complete that the valves cannot be separated without injury.\* A few genera have no hinge; in *Crania* and *Discina* the lower valve is flat, the upper like a limpet; the valves of *Lingula* are nearly equal, and have been compared to a duck's bill. (Petiver.)

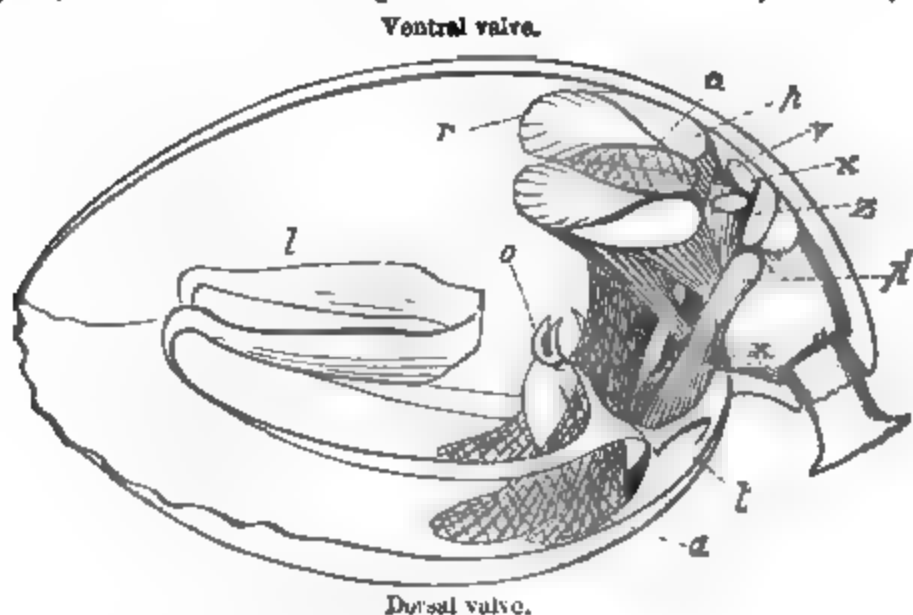


Fig. 145. Muscular system of *Terebratula*.†

a a, adductor-muscles; r, cardinal-muscles; x, accessory cardinals; p, ventral pedicle-muscles; p', dorsal pedicle-muscles; z, capsular-muscles; o, mouth; v, vent; l, loop; t, dental socket.

This and several other points of difference seem to show the propriety of adopting the proposal made by Deshayes in 1836 of dividing the Brachiopods into two great groups, the one having articulated, the other non-articulated valves. In the first, moreover, the valves are opened by muscles acting on the cardinal process of the dorsal valve, while in the latter the valves are opened by the pressure of the fluid in the perivisceral cavity. This difference is accompanied by a striking variation in the the same with those in Mr. Davidson's Introduction, and in the British Museum Catalogue. They are from original studies by the author, unless otherwise stated.

\* The largest recent *Terebratula* cannot be opened more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch, except by applying force.

† *Waldheimia Australis*, Quoy.  $\frac{2}{3}$ . From a drawing by Albany Hancock, Esq.

arrangement of the muscles. The articulated group possess an anal aperture; the unarticulated none. (Hancock.)\*

The valves are both opened and closed by muscles; those which open the shell (*cardinales*) originate on each side the centre of the ventral valve, and converge towards the hinge-margin of the free valve, behind the dental sockets, where there is usually a prominent *cardinal process*. The teeth form the *fulcrum* on which the dorsal valve turns. The *adductor* muscles are four in number, and quite distinct in *Crania* and *Discina*; in *Lingula* the posterior pair are combined, and in *Terebratula* the four muscles are separate at their dorsal terminations, but united at their insertion in the centre of the larger valve. The pedicle is fixed by a pair of muscles (each doubly-attached) to the dorsal hinge-plate, and by another pair to the ventral valve, outside the cardinal muscles.†

In the *Terebratulidæ* and the other *Brachiopoda* having articulated valves the muscular system consists of 3 pairs of muscles which act directly on the valves, and of 3 pairs which connect the shell, and adjust it with respect to the peduncle. In the unarticulated *Brachiopoda*, such as *Lingula*, the muscles are more complicated than in the former group; three pairs of protractor muscles keep the valves together, and thus compensate for the absence of the hinge and condyles, which help to form this function in the articulated group; they are so arranged as to co-operate in preventing any displacement of the valves in any direction. Hence the term sliding-muscles which they have received is inappropriate, since they prevent any sliding action. In the *Lamellibranchs* the sliding of the valves is admirably guarded against by means of hinges with tooth and sockets; in *Brachiopoda* the same end is apparently obtained by means of muscles. It has, therefore, been proposed to substitute the term *adjustor* for *protractor*, and *retractor* for *sliding* as applied to these muscles. The following table shows the names in general use, and those proposed by Mr. Hancock:—

Names in use.	Names proposed.	Homologous muscles in articulated brachiopoda.
	Unarticulated brachiopoda.	
Ant. retractors.	Ant. oclusora.	Ant. oclusora.
Ant. adductors.	Post. „	Post. oclusora.



Names in use.	Names proposed.	Homologous muscles in articulated brachiopods.
	Unarticulated brachiopods.	
Cent. protractors.	Cent. adjustors. }	Vent. adjustors.
Extr. „	Extr. „ }	
Post. retractors.	Post. „	Dorsal „
Capsular.	Peduncular.	Peduncular.
	Ant. parietals.	
	Post parietals.	

The muscles are remarkably glistening and tendinous, except at their expanded ends, which are soft and fleshy. They are, with few exceptions, non-striated. In the posterior adductors of *Waldheimia* transverse striations are well displayed. Their impressions are often deep, and always characteristic; but difficult of interpretation from their complexity, their change of position, and the occasional suppression of some and combination of others.\* There may be considerable changes in arrangement of muscles without any important change in the internal structure. Thus in *Waldheimia cranium* there are six muscular impressions in the dorsal valve; in *W. australis* there are only four, the other two muscles being attached to the hinge-plate, not to the valve. The valve and hinge-plate are never found together, and it is, therefore, probable that in the fossil species, the shells of which are found without hinge-plates, the muscles may have been arranged as in *W. cranium*.

On separating the valves of a recent *Terebratula*, the digestive organs and muscles are seen to occupy only a very small space near the beak of the shell, partitioned off from the general cavity by a strong membrane, in the centre of which is placed the animal's mouth. The large cavity is occupied by the fringed arms, which have been already alluded to (p. 5) as the characteristic organs of the class. Their nature will be better understood by comparing them with the lips and labial tentacles of the ordinary bivalves (pp. 18, 21, and Fig. 208, *p,p*); they are, in fact, lateral prolongations of the lips supported on muscular stalks, and are so long as to require being folded or coiled up. In *Rhynchonella* and *Lingula* the arms are spiral and separate; in *Terebratula* and *Discina* they are only spiral at the tips, and are united together by a membrane, so as to form a lobed disk. It has been conjectured that the living animals have the power of protruding their arms in search of food; but this supposition is unlikely, since in many genera they are supported by a brittle skeleton of shell, while the

\* Professor King has shown that the compound nature of a muscular impression is often indicated by the mode in which the vascular markings proceed from it (as in Figs. 176, 181)



four channels to the organs of reproduction and to the mantle ; and its flow is probably assisted by a number of subsidiary pulsatile vesicles situated on the main arterial trunks. It then courses through the plexus of lacunes in the pallial sinuses and lobes ; turns back through the lacunes of the parietes into the system of visceral lacunes. It probably enters the liver, and ultimately finds its way back into the heart through the branchio-systemic vein. There is, however, another and more important blood current, which traverses the whole length of the brachial canal, and penetrates to the extremities of the cirri, before it joins the current returning from the visceral lacunes and flows with it into the branchio-systemic vein. The blood which has passed through the brachial canal is far more highly oxygenated than the blood which has flowed through the pallial membranes. There seems to be strong evidence that the so-called arms are really the gills or respiratory organs of the mollusc. They also serve to bring food to the creature's mouth by the means before noticed. The mantle is an accessory breathing-organ. It attains its highest development as such in *Lingula*, but even in this genus the brachial apparatus performs the chief part in oxygenating the blood.

There is another system of canals which take their rise from the visceral cavity. What its function is has not been determined ; it is not the blood system as was formerly imagined, and has no connection with it. The perivisceral cavity and the visceral lacunes which diverge from it may, it is thought, be homologous to the water-vascular system in Polyzoa, the function of which is probably to evacuate the effete nitrogenised products which have been eliminated from the blood. Consequently it would perform the offices both of the kidney and the renal organs.

The generative organs occupy the great pallial sinuses, and probably both sexes are combined in one individual. In the articulated Brachiopods the ovaries and testes are placed in the mantle ; but in *Lingula* and *Discina* they occur in the perivisceral chamber. The ova escape into the oviducts (regarded by Cuvier and others as hearts), which open externally, and have nothing to do with the vascular system. In *Rhynchonella* there are four oviducts, but in most, if not all the other Brachiopods, there are only two. In Terebratulidæ they are divided into two portions, called the auricle and ventricle by Professor Owen. Mature eggs have been found in large numbers in the perivisceral chamber and in the oviducts. Recent

*Discina* often have minute fry attached to their valves, and Mr. Süssm., of Vienna, has noticed a specimen of the fossil *Stringocephalus*, which contained numerous embryo shells.

As yet we know little respecting the development of the *Brachiopoda*, but there can be no doubt that in their first stage they are free and able to swim about until they meet with a suitable position. It is probable that in the second stage they all adhere by a byssus, which in most instances becomes consolidated, and forms a permanent organ of attachment. Some of the extinct genera (e.g. *Spirifera* and *Strophomena*) appear to have become free when adult, or to have fixed themselves by some other means. Four genera, belonging to very distinct families, cement themselves to foreign objects by the substance of the ventral valve.

The nervous system exhibits a state of development but little superior to what is found in Ascidians. No special organs of sense have been detected. The red spots in the mantle, supposed by some to be rudimentary eyes and ears, are probably the glands situated at the base of the setæ.

The Lamp-shells are all natives of the sea. They are found hanging from the branches of corals, the under sides of shelving rocks, and the cavities of other shells. Specimens obtained from rocky situations are frequently distorted, and those from stony and gravelly beds, where there is motion in the waters, have the beak worn, the foramen large, and the ornamental sculpturing of the valves less sharply finished. On clay beds, as in the deep clay strata, they are seldom found; but where the bottom consists of calcareous mud they appear to be very abundant, mooring themselves to every hard substance on the sea-bed, and clustering one upon the other.

Some of the *Brachiopoda* appear to attain their full growth in a single season, and all probably live many years after becoming adult. The growth of the valves takes place chiefly at the margin; adult shells are more globular than the young, and aged specimens still more so. The shell is also thickened by the deposit of internal layers, which sometimes entirely fill the beak, and every portion of the cavity of the interior which is not occupied by the animal, suggesting the notion that the creature must have died from the plethoric exercise of the cal-

it consists of flattened prisms of considerable length, arranged parallel to each other with great regularity, and obliquely to the surfaces of the shell, the interior of which is umbricated by their out-crop (Fig. 146). This structure is found only in the *Rhynchonellida*; but in most—perhaps all the other *Brachiopoda*\*—the shell is traversed by canals from one surface to the other, nearly vertically, and regularly, the distance and size of the perforations varying with the species. Their external orifices are trumpet-shaped, the inner often very small; sometimes they bifurcate towards

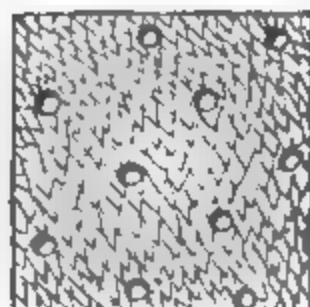


Fig. 146. *Terebratula*.

the exterior, and in *Crinia* they become aborescent. The canals are occupied by coecal processes of the outer mantle-layer,† and are covered externally by a thickening of the epidermis. Mr. Huxley has suggested that these coeca are analogous to the vascular processes by which in many ascidians the tunic adheres to the test; the extent of which adhesion varies in closely allied genera. The large tubular spines of the *Productida* must have been also lined by prolongations of the mantle; but their development was more probably related to the maintenance of the shell in a fixed position, than to the internal economy of the animal. (King.) Dr. Carpenter states that the shell of the *Brachiopoda* generally contains less animal matter than other bivalves; but that *Discina* and *Lingula* consist almost entirely of a horny animal substance, which is laminar, and penetrated by oblique tubuli of extreme minuteness. He has also shown that there is not in these shells that distinction between the outer and inner layers, either in structure or mode of growth, which prevails among the ordinary bivalves; the inner layers only differ in the minute size of the perforations, and the whole thickness corresponds with the outer layer only in the *Lamellibranchiata*. The loop, or brachial processes, are always unpunctate. Mr. Hancock's researches would tend to show that these conclusions are generally correct, but not entirely so. "When the shell is dissolved

\* The fossil shells of the older rocks are so generally pseudomorphous, or partake of the metamorphic character of the rock itself, that it is difficult to obtain specimens in a state fit for microscopic examination.

† Called the "lining membrane of the shell," by Dr. Carpenter. (Davidson Intr. Mon. Brach.) M. Queckett states that the perforations are closed externally by disks, surrounded by radiating lines, supposed to indicate the existence of vibratile cilia in the living specimens.

in acid the free border [of the mantle] which projects beyond the marginal fold, and which is applied to the extreme edge of the shell, can be examined with advantage. The pallial coeca are then completely exposed appended to the membrane in various stages of development, and the spaces between them are found studded all over with rather large, clear, oval, cell-like spots, which are arranged with considerable regularity in rows, so that those in the approximate rows alternate. These spots apparently correspond to the bases of the prismatic columns of the shell; and if it be allowed that they represent spaces in which calcareous granules had been accumulated, it is easy to understand how the fibrous or columnar structure is formed. A succession of layers of such accumulated granules deposited one after the other would result in the peculiar shell formation of the Brachiopoda." The extremities of the prisms are not visible on the external surface, but in the young individual of some species, as *Terebratulida caput-serpentis*, there is a thin layer of calcareous matter, which seems to show that in some Brachiopods the shell is composed of two layers of shell, having a different structure, as in the case of the *Conchifera*.

Of all mollusca the *Brachiopoda* enjoy the greatest range both of climate, and depth, and time; they are found in tropical and polar seas, in pools left by the ebbing tide, and at the greatest depths hitherto explored by the dredge. At present only 84 recent species are known; but many more will probably be found in the deep sea, which these shells mostly inhabit. The number of living species is already greater than has been discovered in any secondary stratum, but the vast abundance of fossil specimens has made them seem more important than the living types, which are still rare in the cabinets of collectors, though far from being so in the sea. Above 1,800 extinct species of Brachiopoda have been described, of which more than half are found in England. They are distributed throughout all the sedimentary rocks of marine origin from the Cambrian strata upwards, and appear to have attained their maximum of specific development in the Silurian age.\* Some species (like *Atrypa reticularis*) extend through a whole "system" of rocks, and abound equally in both hemispheres; others (like *Spirifer striata*) range from the Cordillera to the Ural mountains. One

it, are found in the Upper Oolite and throughout the Chalk series and London Clay.\*

### FAMILY I.—TEREBRATULIDÆ.

*Shell* minutely punctate; usually round or oval, smooth or striated; ventral valve with a prominent beak and two curved hinge-teeth; dorsal valve with a depressed umbo, a prominent cardinal process between the dental sockets, and a slender shelly loop.

*Animal* attached by a pedicle, or by the ventral valves; oral arms united to each other by a membrane, variously folded; sometimes spiral at their extremities.



Fig. 147. *Terebratula vitrea*, Born.

TEREBRATULA, (Lilhwyl.) Brug. Lamp-shell.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *terebratus*, perforated.

*Synonyms*, *Lampas*, Humph. *Gryphus*, Muhlfieldt. *Epithyris*, Phil.

*Types*, *T. maxillata*, Pl. XV., Fig. 1. (= *Ter. minor-sub-rubra*, Lilhwyl. *Anomia terebratula*, L.) *T. vitrea*, Fig. 47.

*Shell* smooth, convex; beak truncated and perforated; foramen circular; deltidium of two pieces frequently blended; loop very short, simple, attached by its crura to the hinge-plate (Fig. 147, A).

*Animal* attached by a pedicle; brachial disk tri-lobed, centre lobe elongated and spirally convoluted (Fig. 147, B). The young of *T. diphya* (Pygope of Link) has bi-lobed valves (Pl. XV., Fig. 2); when adult the lobes unite, leaving a round hole through the centre of the shell.

\* The author has to acknowledge his obligation to Mr. Davidson for the use of the notes, drawings, and specimens assembled during the preparation of his great work on the "British Fossil Brachiopoda," printed for the Palaeontographical Society; to which work the student is referred for more copious descriptions and illustrations.

**Distribution, 3 species.** Mediterranean 90—250 fathoms on nullipore mud. (Forbes.) Vigo Bay; Falkland Islands.

**Fossil, 126 species.** Devonian—. World-wide.

**Sub-genera.** *Terebratulina* (caput-serpentis), D'Orbigny. (Pl. XV., Fig. 3.) Fig. 148. Shell finely striated, auriculate,



Fig. 148. Dorsal valve.



Animal, 3/4.

deltidium usually rudimental; foramen incomplete; loop short, rendered annular in the adult by the union of the oral processes. **Distribution, 6 species.** United States, Norway, Cape, Japan. 10—120 fathoms. **Fossil, 22 species.** Oxfordian—. United States. Europe.

*Waldheimia* (australis), King. Pl. XV., Fig. 4 (p. 5, Figs. 5, 6), Figs. 145, 149, 150.

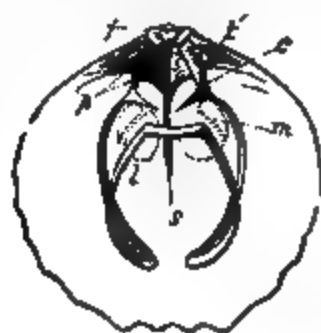


Fig. 149. Dorsal valve.

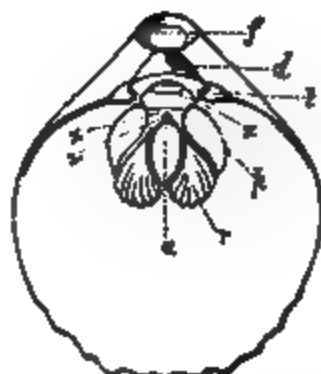


Fig. 150. Ventral valve.

Fig. 149. *j*, cardinal process; *t'*, dental sockets; *p*, hinge-plate; *s*, septum; *c*, crura of the loop; *l*, reflected portion of the loop; *m*, quadruple abductor-impression.

Fig. 150. *f*, foramen; *d*, deltidium; *t*, teeth; *a*, single abductor impression; *r*, cardinal muscles; *z*, accessory muscles; *p*, pedicle muscles; *v*, position of the vent; *z*, attachment of the vent.



fathoms. *Fossil*, 90 species. Carb—. South America, Europe. *Eudesia* (cardium), King, includes 1 recent and 6 fossil species which are sharply plaited. *T. impressa* (Pl. XV., Fig. 5) is the type of a group which has the external shape of *Terebratella*.

*Meganteris*, Suess, 1856. *Terebratula* Archiaci, Vern. Devonian, Asturias. *Shell* with a long, reflected, internal loop.

### TEREBRATELLA, D'Orbigny.

*Type*, *T. dorsata*, Gmel. (= *Magellonica*, Chemn.) Pl. XV., Fig. 7. Fig. 151.

*Shell* smooth or radiately plaited; dorsal valve longitudinally impressed; hinge-line straight, or not much curved; beak with a flattened area on each side of the deltidium; foramen large; deltidium incomplete; loop attached to the septum (s).

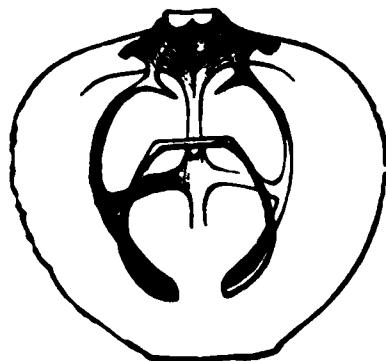


Fig. 151. *Terebratella*.

*Animal* like *Terebratula*; the spiral lobe of the brachial disk becomes very diminutive in some species, and is obsolete in *Morrisia* and *T. Cumingii*.

*Distribution*, excluding sub-genera, 25 species. Cape Horn, Valparaiso (90 fathoms), New Zealand, Japan, Ochotsk, Spitzbergen, Labrador.

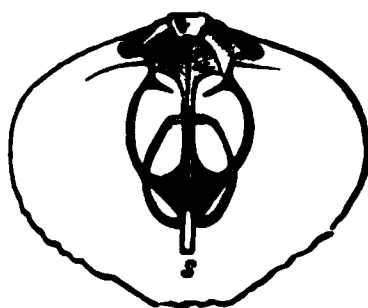


Fig. 152. *Ter. Evansii*, Dav.

*Fossil*, 16 species. Lias—. United States, Europe. In *T. crenulata* and *Evansii* (Fig. 152) the dorsal septum sometimes projects so far as to touch the opposite valve, but in other examples it remains undeveloped. (Davidson.)

*Sub-genera*. *Trigonosemus* (elegans), König. *Synonyms*, Delthyridæa (pectiniformis), M'Coy. *Fissirostra*, D'Orbigny. *Example*, *T. Palissii*, Pl. XV., Fig. 8. *Shell* finely plaited, beak prominent, curved, with a narrow apical foramen; cardinal area large, triangular; deltidium solid, flat; cardinal process very prominent. *Distribution*, 5 species. Chalk, Europe.

*Lyra* (Mead), Cumberland, Min. Con. 1816. Pl. XV., Fig. 6. *Synonyms*, *Terebrirostra*, D'Orbigny. *Rhynchora*, Dalman.\*

\* The name *Rhynchora* was given by Dalman to the *Ter. costata*. Wahl. = *T. pectinata*, L.) on the supposition that it was identical with Sowerby's *T. Lyra*; and as no specimen could be found with a long beak, an artificial one was manufactured for it, of which there is a cast in the British Museum. The second species of "Rhynchora," *Ter. spatulata*, Wahl., has no beak whatever: in shape it is like an *Argiope*, but measures an inch each way. The ventral valve is a simple bent plate with the teeth at the angles; the dorsal valve is flat, with a very wide hinge-plate, and sockets at the angles, whilst a single septum projects from the centre, with portio attached.

Shell ornamented with rounded ribs; beak very long, divided lengthwise internally by the dental plates; loop doubly attached? *Distribution*, 4 species cretaceous. Europe. Three species of similar form are found in the Trias of St. Cassian.

*Magas* (pumila), Sby. Fig. 153.



Fig. 153. *M. Pumila*.†

Shell smooth, conspicuously punctate, dorsal valve impressed, foramen angular, deltidium rudimentary; internal septum (s) prominent, touching the ventral valve; reflected portions of the loop disunited (l). 3 species. U. Green-sand—Chalk. Europe. *Distribution*, 2 species.

New Zealand; Canaries. The recent *Ter. Cumingii*, of New Zealand, resembles *Bouchardia* externally, but has the diverging processes of the loop as in *Magas*.

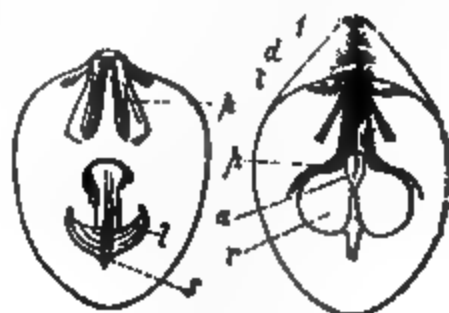
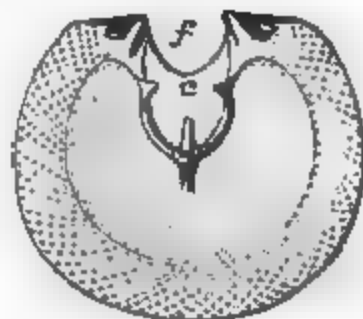


Fig. 154. *B. Tulipa*, BL\*

*Bouchardia* (tulipa), Davidson, Fig. 154. Beak prominent, with a minute apical foramen (f); deltidium blended with the

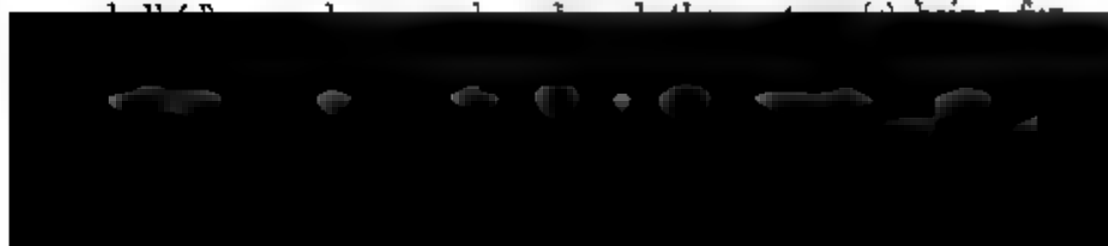


Animal. 1<sup>st</sup>



Dorsal valve.†

Fig. 155.



nished with two short lamellae. *Distribution*, 3 species. Brazil, 13 fathoms. New Zealand, South Australia.

*Morrisia* (anomioides, Seacchi), Davidson. Fig. 155. *Shell* minute, conspicuously punctate; foramen large, encroaching equally on both valves; hinge area small, straight; loop not reflected, attached to a small forked process in the centre of the valve. *Animal* with sigmoid arms, destitute of spiral terminations; cirri in pairs. *Distribution*, 3 species. Mediterranean. 95 fathoms. (Forbes.) *Fossil*, 4 species. Chalk—. Europe.

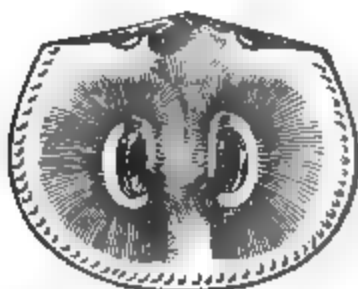


Fig. 156. Dorsal valve with animal.



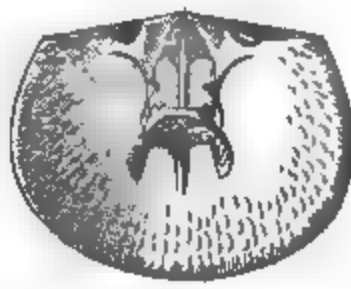
Fig. 157. Dorsal valve.

*Kraussia* (rubra), Dav. Cape. Fig. 157. *K. Lamarckiana*, Dav. Australia. Fig. 156. *Shell* transversely oblong; hinge-line nearly straight; beak truncated, laterally keeled; area flat; foramen large, deltidium rudimentary; dorsal valve longitudinally impressed, furnished inside with a forked process rising nearly centrally from the septum; interior often strongly tuberculated. The apophysis is sometimes a little branched, indicating a tendency towards the form it attains in Fig. 158. *Animal* with rather small oral arms, the spiral lobe very diminutive. *Distribution*, 6 species. South Africa, Sydney, New Zealand; low water to 120 fathoms.



Animal.

Fig 159.



Dorsal valve.

? *Megerlia* (truncata), King, 1850. Pl. XV., Fig. 9. Fig. 158. *Loop* trebly attached, to the hinge-plate by its crura, and to the septum by processes from the diverging and reflected portions of the loop. *Distribution*, 3 species. Mediterranean, Philippines. These species belong to the same natural group with *Kraussia*. *Fossil*, 7 species. Chalk—.

? *Kingena* (Lima), Dav. Cretaceous, Europe, Guadaloupe. Valves spinulose; loop trebly attached.



Fig. 159. *Ter.* (*Kingena*) *lima*, (after Davidson.)

*d*, dental sockets; *j*, cardinal process; *c*, crura; *d*, diverging processes of loop, *r*, reflected portion, *e*, third attachment of loop, *s*, dorsal septum.

? *Ismenia* (pectunculus), King. Coral rag, Europe. Valves ornamented with corresponding ribs; loop trebly attached.

? *Wultonia* (Valenciennei), Dav., New Zealand. Perhaps the fry of *Ter. rubicunda*, with the reflected part of the loop wanting.

*Zellania* (Davidsoni), Moore, 1855. (*Etymology*, *Zella*, a lady's name?) Shell minute, orthi-form; texture fibrous; hinge-area short, foramen angular, encroaching on both valves; interior of dorsal valve as in *Thecidium*, with a single central septum and broad margin. Fossil. Lias—Great Oolite. 3 species. Britain.



Fig. 160. *Argiope decollata*. † Fig. 161. *A. Neapolitana*, Sc. †

ARGIOPE, Eudes Deslongchamps.

a corresponding ribs; hinge-line wide and straight, with a row area to each valve; foramen large, deltidium rudimentary; interior of dorsal valve with one or more prominent,  $\delta$ -marginal septa; loop two or four-lobed, adhering to the sta, and more or less confluent with the valve

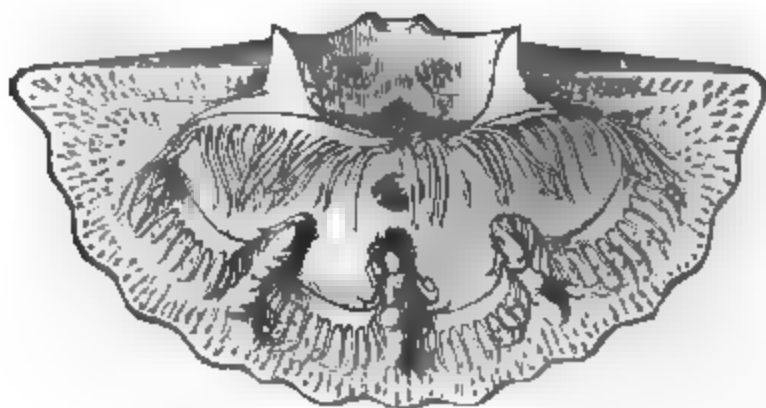


Fig. 162. *A. decollata*,  $\frac{1}{1}$ ; dorsal valve with the animal, from a specimen dredged by Professor Forbes in the Aegean. The oral aperture is seen in the centre of the disk.

*Animal* with oral arms, folded into two or four lobes, united by membrane, forming a brachial disk fringed with long cirri; mantle extending to the margins of the valves, closely adherent.

*Distribution*, 5 species. North Britain, Madeira, Canaries, Mediterranean. 30—105 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 19 species. Oolite—, Europe.



Fig. 163. *T. radians*.

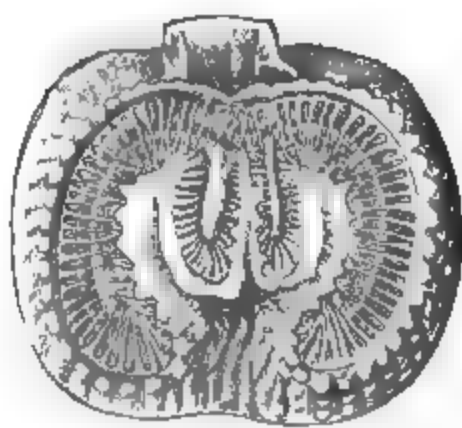


Fig. 164. *T. Mediterraneum*. \*  $\frac{1}{1}$

#### THECIDIUM, DeFrance.

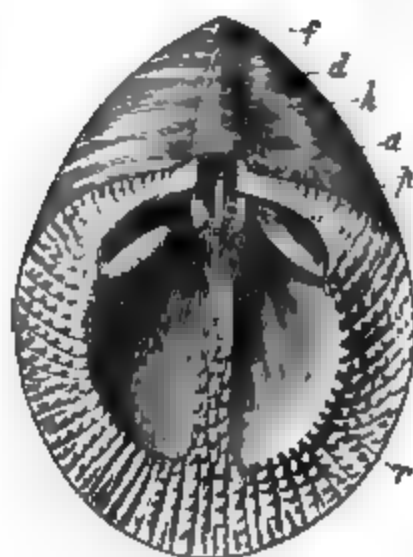
*Etymology*, *Thekidion*, a small pouch.

*Type*, *T. radians*, Pl. XV., Fig. 11.

*Shell* small, thick, punctate, attached by the beak; hinge-

\* Dorsal valve with the animal, magnified. Coll. Davidson.

area (*h*) flat; deltidium (*d*) triangular, indistinct; *dorsal valve* (Fig. 163) rounded, depressed; interior with a broad granulated margin; cardinal process prominent, between the dental sockets;

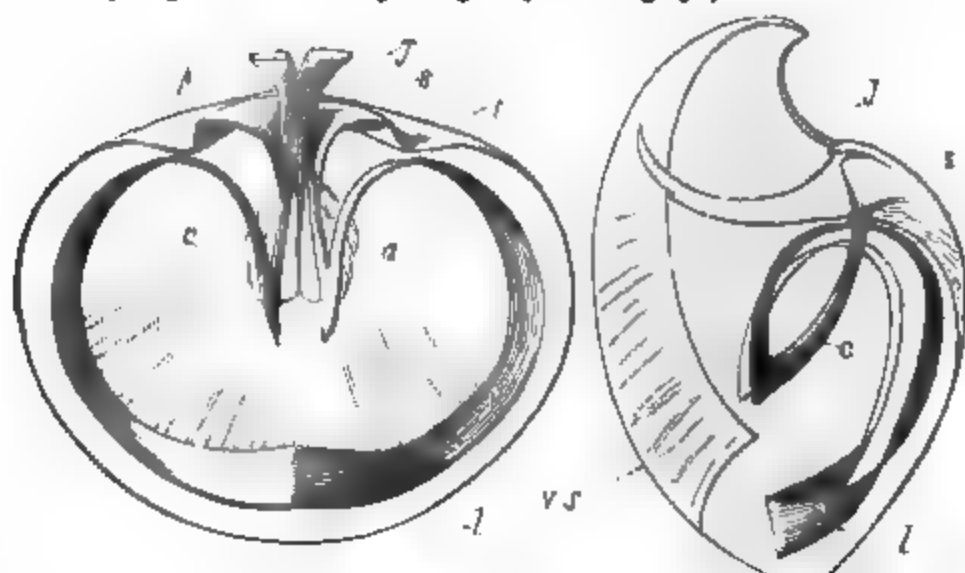


oral processes united, forming a bridge over the small and deep visceral cavity; disk grooved for the reception of the loop, the grooves separated by branches from a central septum; loop often unsymmetrical, lobed, and united more or less intimately with the sides of the grooves; *ventral valve* (Fig. 165) deeply excavated, hinge-teeth prominent; cavities for the adductor (*a*) and pedicle muscles (*p*) small; disk occupied by two large smooth impressions of the cardinal muscles, bordered by a vascular line.

Fig. 166. *T. radians*, ♂.

*Animal* (Fig. 164) with elongated oral arms, folded on themselves and fringed with long cirri; mantle extending to the margin of the valves and closely adherent: epidermis distinct.

*T. radians* is the only unattached species, it is supposed to be fixed by a pedicle when young. (D'Orbigny.)



interior; whilst in several others there are but two brachial lobes. The Liassic species form the subject of a monograph by M. Eudes Deslongchamps; they are often minute, and attached in numbers to sea-urchins, corals, and terebratulæ.

*Distribution*, 1 species. Mediterranean.

*Fossil*, 34 species. Trias—. Europe.

### † STRINGOCEPHALUS, DeFrance.

*Etymology*, *Strinx* (*stringos*), an owl, *cephale*, the head.\*

*Type*, S. Burtini, Pl. XV., Fig. 13. Figs. 166, 167. Devonian, Europe.

*Shell* punctate; sub-orbicular, with a prominent beak; *ventral* valve with a longitudinal septum (*vs*) in the middle; hinge-area distinct; foramen large and angular in the young shell, gradually surrounded by the deltidium, and rendered small and oval in the adult; deltidium composed of three elements; teeth prominent; *dorsal* valve depressed, cardinal process (*j*) very prominent, sometimes touching the opposite valve, its extremity forked to receive the ventral septum (*vs*); hinge-plate (*p*) supporting a shelly loop, after the manner of *Argiope*.

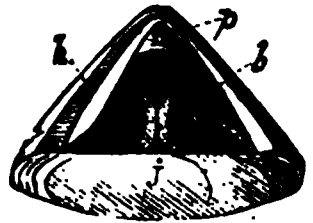


Fig. 167.†

### FAMILY II.—SPIRIFERIDÆ.

*Shell* furnished internally with two calcareous spiral processes (*apophyses*) directed outwards towards the sides of the shell, and destined for the support of the oral arms, which must have been fixed immovably; the spiral lamellæ are sometimes spinulose, indicating the existence of rigid cirri, especially on the front of the whorls; valves articulated by teeth and sockets.

### SPIRIFERA, Sowerby.

*Type*, S. striata, Sby., Fig. 168.

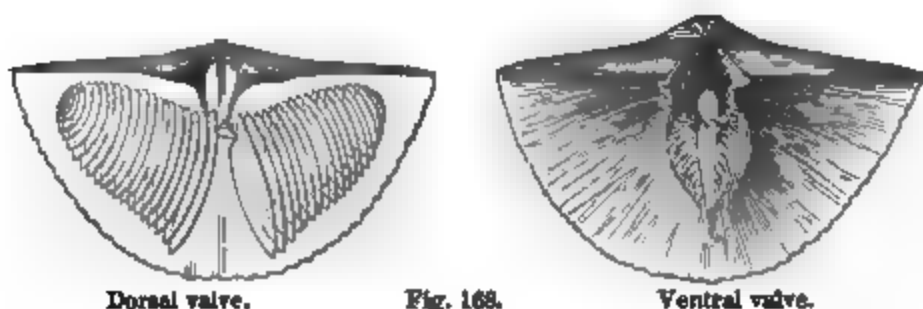
*Synonyms*, Trigonotreta. König. Choristites, Fischer. Delthyris, Dalman. Martinia, &c., M'Coy.

middle; the dotted lines proceeding from its inner edge are added from a drawing by M. Suess, and represent what he regards as shelly processes for supporting a membranous disk. They may be portions of spirals, whose outer whorls are confluent.

\* Internal casts of *Productus giganteus* are called "owl-heads" by quarrymen in the North of Eng and. (Sowerby.)

† Fig. 167. Young shell, magnified four diameters; *h*, hinge area; *b*, deltidium; *p*, pseudo-deltidium.

Shell impunctate,\* transversely oval or elongated, tri-lobed, beaked, bi-convex, with a dorsal ridge and ventral furrow; hinge-line wide and straight; area moderate, striated across; foramen angular, open in the young, afterwards progressively



Dorsal valve.

Fig. 168.

Ventral valve.

closed; ventral valve with prominent hinge-teeth, and a central muscular scar, consisting of the single adductor flanked by two cardinal impressions; dorsal valve with a small cardinal process, a divided hinge-plate, and two conical spires directed outwards and nearly filling the cavity of the shell; crura united by an oral loop. The shell and spires are sometimes silicified in limestone, and may be developed by means of acid. In *S. mosquensis* the dental plates are prolonged nearly to the front of the ventral valve.

*Distribution*, 220 species. Lower Silurian—Trias. Arctic America—Chili, Falkland Islands, Europe, China, Thibet, Australia, Tasmania. In China these and other fossils are used as medicine.

*Sub-genera*. *Spiriferina*, D'Orbigny. *S. Walcottii*, Pl. XV., Fig. 14. Shell punctate, external surface spinulose; foramen covered by a pseudo-deltidium; interior of ventral valve with a prominent septum, rising from the adductor scar. *Distribution*, 29 species. Carb.—Lower Oolites. Britain, France, Germany, South America.

*Cyrtia*, Dalman. *C. eximiorrecta*, Pl. XV., Fig. 15. Shell impunctate, pyramidal, beak prominent, area equiangular, deltidium with a small tubular foramen. *Fossil*, 10 species. Silurian—Trias. Europe. In *C. buchii*, *heteroclyta*, *calceola*, &c., the shell is punctate.

*Succinea* (imbricata), Endes Deslongchamps, 1855. (Dedicated to M. Suess). Shell like *Succinea*, texture fibrous, hinge area



a broad 4-partite hinge-plate, with processes from the outer angles of the dental sockets; crura of the spires united by a transverse band supporting a small process. *Fossil*, 2 species. Upper Lias, Normandy.

### ATHYRIS, M'Coy.

*Etymology*, *a*, without, *thuris*, a door\* (i.e. deltidium).

*Synonyms*, *Spirigera*, D'Orbigny. *Cleiothyris*, King (not Phil.).

*Types*, *A. concentrica*, Buch. *A. Roissyi*, Figs. 169, 170. *A. lamellosa*, Pl. XV., Fig. 16.

*Shell* impunctate, transversely oval, or sub-orbicular, bi-convex, smooth, or ornamented with squamose lines of growth, sometimes developed into wing-like expansions (Fig. 170†);

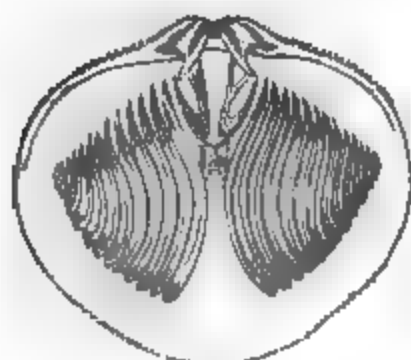


Fig. 169. Interior of dorsal valve.

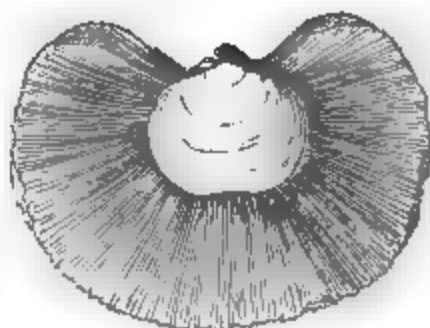


Fig. 170. Specimen with fringes.

hinge-line curved, area obsolete, foramen round, truncating the beak, deltidium obsolete; hinge-plate of dorsal valve with four muscular cavities, perforated by a small round foramen, and supporting a small complicated loop (?) between the spires; spires directed outwards, crura united by a prominent oral loop.

The foramen in the hinge-plate occupies the situation of the notch through which the intestine passes in the recent *Rhynchonellæ*; in *A. concentrica* a slender curved tube is sometimes attached to the foramen, beneath the hinge-plate. *A. tumida* has the hinge-plate merely grooved, and the byssal foramen is angular.

*Fossil*, about 70 species. Silurian—Lias. North and South America and Europe.

\* Sometimes employed, incorrectly, in the sense of a door-way or for men.

† The spurious genus *Actinocoelus* (M'Coy) was founded on this character; similar expansions are formed by species of *Atrypa*, *Camarophoria*, and *Producta*.

*Sub-genus?* *Merista*, Süss. Ter. scalprum, Römer. (*A. cassidea*, Quenst. Sp. plebeia, Ph.) Silurian—Devonian. Europe. Shell impunctate, dental plates (*v*) and dorsal septum (*d*) supported by arched plates ("shoe-lifter" processes, of King) which readily detach, leaving cavities (as in Fig. 171); spiral arms have been observed in all the species.

Fig. 171. *Merista*.

### RETZIA, King.

Dedicated to the distinguished Swedish naturalist, Retzius.

*Type*, Ter. Adrieni, Vern.

*Example*, *R. serpentina*, Carb. L., Belgium, Fig. 172.

Shell punctate, terebratula-shaped; beak truncated by a round foramen, rendered complete by a distinct deltidium; hinge-area small, triangular, sharply defined; interior with diverging shelly spires.

*Fossil*, about 50 species. Silurian—Trias. South America, United States, Europe.

Professor King first pointed out the existence of calcareous spires in several *Terebratulæ* of the older rocks, and others have been discovered by MM. Quenstedt, De Koninck, and Barrande. In form they resemble *Terebratulina*, *Eudesia*, and *Lyra*.

Fig. 172. *Retzia serpentina*, D. K.Fig. 173. *Uncites gryphus*.

### UNCITES, DeFrance.

*Type*, *U. gryphus*, Pl. XV., Fig. 17. Fig. 173.

*Fossil*, Devonian, Europe.

Dalman mistook the shell for a member of that genus. The discovery of internal spires, by Professor Beyrich, shows that it only differs from *Retzia* in being impunctate and destitute of hinge-area. Some of the specimens have corresponding depressions in the sides of the valves (Fig. 173, *p*), forming pouches which do not communicate with the interior.

### FAMILY III.—RHYNCHONELLIDÆ.

*Shell* impunctate, oblong, or trigonal, beaked; hinge-line curved; no area; valves articulated, convex, often sharply plaited; foramen beneath the beak, usually completed by a



Fig. 174. *R. nigriceps*.



Ventral.



Fig. 175.

Dorsal.

Fig. 174. Dorsal valve with the animal; *a*, adductor muscles; *i*, intestine.

Fig. 175. *R. psittacea*, interior. *s*, septum; *f*, foramen; *d*, deltidium; *t*, teeth; *t'*, sockets; *c*, oral lamellae; *a*, adductor impressions; *r*, cardinal; *p*, pedicle muscles; *o*, ovarian spaces.

deltidium, sometimes concealed; hinge-teeth supported by dental plates; hinge-plate deeply divided, supporting oral lamellae, rarely provided with spiral processes; muscular impressions grouped as in *Terebratula*; vascular impressions consisting of two principal trunks in each valve, narrow, dichotomising, angular, the principal posterior branches inclosing ovarian spaces.

*Animal* (of *Rhynchonella*) with elongated spiral arms, directed inwards, towards the concavity of the dorsal valve; alimentary canal terminating behind the insertion of the adductor in the ventral valve; mantle not adhering, its margin fringed with a few short setae.

### RHYNCHONELLA, Fischer.

*Synonyms*, Hypothyris, Phil. Hemithyris (*psittacea*), D'Orbigny. Acanthothyris (*spinosa*), D'Orbigny. Cyclothyris (*latissima*), McCoy. Trigonella (part), Fischer (not L. nor D. Costa).

*Types*, *R. acuta*, Pl. XV., Fig. 18; *furcillata*, Fig. 19; *spinosa*, Fig. 20; *acuminata*, Fig. 176; *nigricans*, Fig. 174; *psittacea*, Fig. 175 (p. 5, Fig. 4).

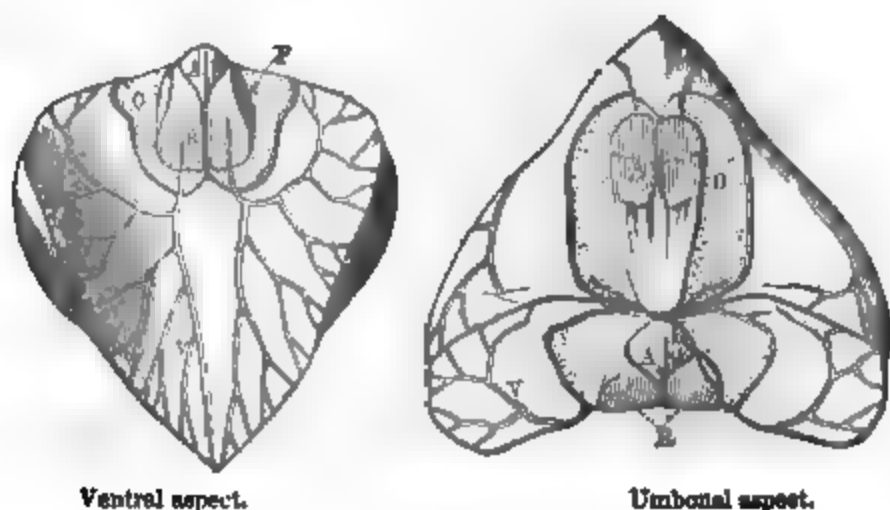


Fig. 176. *Rh. acuminata*, internal cast.

Fig. 176. Umbonal aspect, with the dorsal valve above (Coll. Professor King). Ventral aspect (Coll. Professor Morris). A, adductor; B, cardinal; P, pedicle; V, vascular; O, ovarian impressions.

*Shell* trigonal, acutely beaked, usually plaited; dorsal valve elevated in front, depressed at the sides; ventral valve flattened, or hollowed along the centre, hinge-plates supporting two slender curved lamellæ; dental plates diverging.

The foramen is at first only an angular notch in the hinge-line of the ventral valve, but the growth of the deltidium usually renders it complete in the adult shell; in the cretaceous species it is tubular. In *R. acuminata* and many other palæozoic examples, the beak is so closely incurved as to allow no space for a pedicle. Both the recent *Rhynchonellæ* are black; *R. octoplicata* of the Chalk sometimes retains six dark spots.

*Distribution*, 4 species. *R. psittacea*, Labrador (low water f), Hudson's Bay (100 fathoms), Melville Island, Sitka, Icy Sea. *R. nigricans*, New Zealand, 19 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 332 species. Lower Silurian—. North and South America, Europe, Thibet, China.

*Sub-genera*. ? *Porambonites*, Pander. *P. æquirostris*, Schl. *Shell* *acuminata*, *slates*, *maulichy* *lited*; *each* *valve* *with* *a*

on a low septal ridge (*s*); dorsal valve with a prominent septum (*s*) supporting a spoon-shaped central process (*v*); oral lamellæ long and slender (*o*). Foramen angular, cardinal process distinct (*j*). *Fossil*, 9 species. Carb.—Permian (Magnesian limestone.) Germany and England.

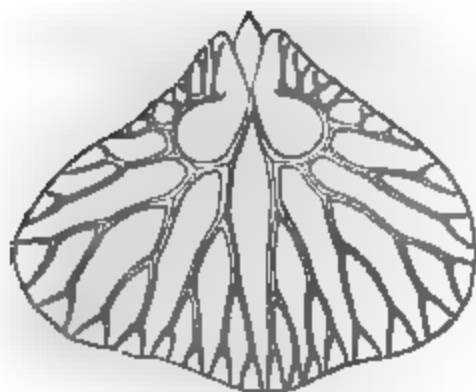


Fig. 177. Internal cast.\*

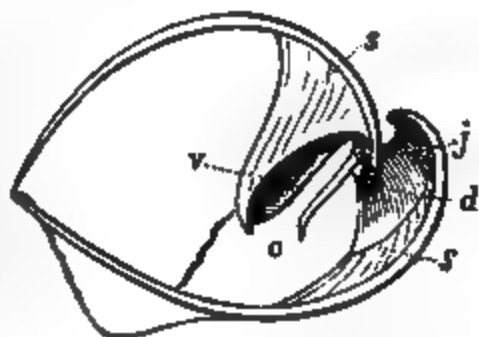


Fig. 178. Section.

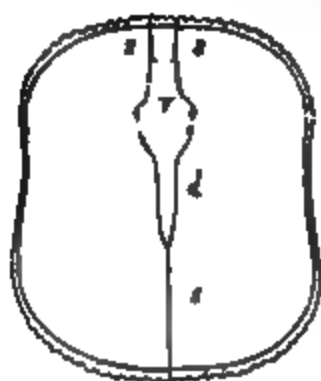
### PENTAMERUS, Sowerby.

*Etymology*, *pentamerus*, 5-partite.

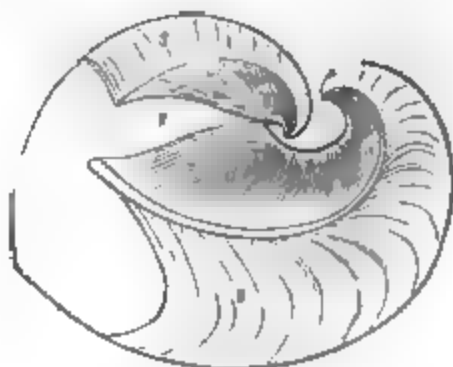
*Synonym*, *Gypidia* (conchydium), Dalman.

*Type*, *P. Knightii*, Pl. XV., Fig. 22. Fig. 179.

*Shell* impunctate, ovate, ventricose, with a large incurved beak; valves usually plaited; foramen angular; no area or deltidium; dental plates (*d*) converging, trough-like, supported on a prominent septum (*s*); dorsal valve with two contiguous



Longitudinal.



Transverse section.

longitudinal septa (*s s*) opposed to the plates of the other valve.

\* Oral lamellæ have been detected by Mr. Salter in *P. liratus*;

\* Ventral side of cast, showing the V-shaped cavity of the dental plates, and the impressions of branchial veins, accompanied by arteries (after King).

in *P. ? brevirostris* (Devonian, Newton) the dorsal valve has a long trough-like process supported by a single low septum.

*Fossil*, 52 species. Upper Silurian—Devonian. Arctic America, United States, Europe.

The relations of the animal to the shell in such a species as *P. Knightii* can only be inferred by comparison with other species in which the internal plates are less developed, and with other genera, such as *Cyrtia* and *Camarophoria*. In Fig. 179, the small central chamber (*v*) must have been occupied by the digestive organs, the large lateral spaces (*d s*) by the spiral arms; it is doubtful whether any muscles were attached to these plates; in *Porambonites* the adductor impression is situated beyond the point to which the dental plates converge, and in *Camarophoria* the muscular impressions occupy the same position as in *Rhynchonella*.

#### ATEYPA, Dalman.

*Synonyms*, Cleiothyris, Phillips. Spirigerina, D'Orbigny.\* Hipparionyx, Vanuxem.

*Type*, *A. reticularis*, Pl. XV., Fig. 21. Figs. 180, 181.



Fig. 180. Dorsal valve.

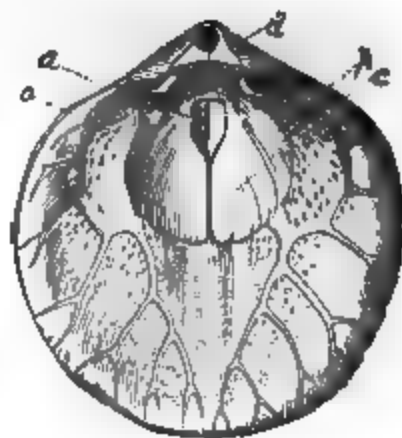


Fig. 181. Ventral valve; interior.

*p*, hinge-plate; *a*, impressions of adductor muscle; *c*, cardinal muscle; *p*, pedicle muscle, *o*, ovarian sinus; *d*, deltidium.

*Shell* impunctate; oval, usually plaited and ornamented with squamose lines of growth; dorsal valve gibbose; ventral depressed in front; beak small, often closely incurved; foramen round, sometimes completed by a deltidium, often concealed; dorsal valve with a divided hinge-plate, supporting two broad spirally coiled lamellæ; spires vertical, closely appressed, and

\* The term *Ateypa*, (*a*, without, *trupa*, foramen) is objectionable, like all Dalman's names; but M. D'Orbigny has made no improvement by proposing *Spirigerina*, in addition to *Spirifera*, *Sprigera*, and *Spiriferina*.

directed towards the centre of the valve; teeth and impressions like *Rhynchonella*.

The shells of this genus differ from *Rhynchonella* chiefly in the calcification of the oral supports, a character of uncertain value.

*Fossil*, 21 species. Lower Silurian—Trias. America (Wellington Channel | Falkland Islands), Europe, Thibet.

*Anoplothea lamellosa*, F. Sandberger, 1856, Devonian, Rhine, is a species of *Atrypa*.

#### FAMILY IV.—ORTHIDÆ.\*

*Shell* transversely oblong, depressed, rarely foraminated; hinge-line wide and straight; beaks inconspicuous; valves plano-convex, or concavo-convex, each with a hinge-area (*h*) notched in the centre; *ventral* valve with prominent teeth (*t*); muscular impressions occupying a saucer-shaped cavity with a raised margin; adductor (*a*) central; cardinal and pedicle impressions (*r*) conjoined, lateral, fan-like; *dorsal* valve with a tooth-like cardinal process between two curved brachial processes (*c*); adductor impression (*a*) quadruple; vascular impressions consisting of six principal trunks in the dorsal valve, two in the ventral, the external branches turned outwards and backwards inclosing wide ovarian spaces (*o*). Indications have been

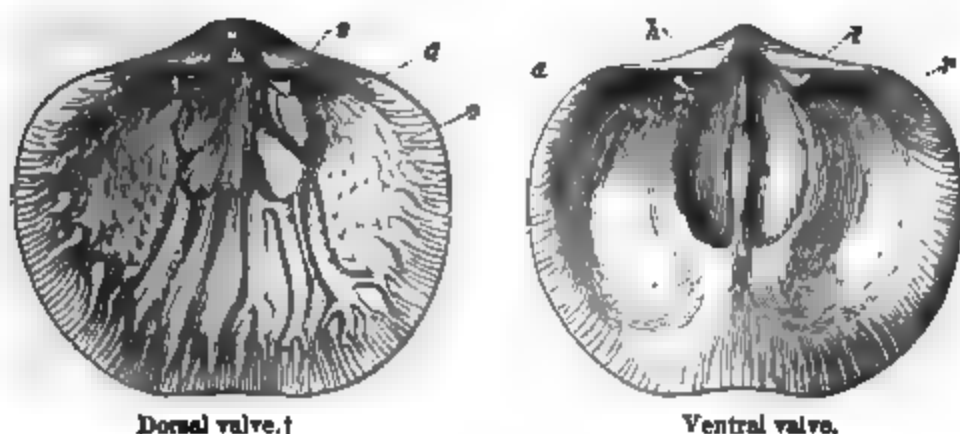


Fig. 182. *Orthus striatula*. Devonian, Eifel.

observed, in several genera, of horizontally-coiled spiral arms; the space between the valves is often very small. The shell-structure is punctate, except in a few instances, where the original texture is probably obliterated.

\* The names of the families are formed from those of the typical genera, by substituting *idæ* for the last syllable of the genitive case.

† From a specimen presented by M. De Koninck to the British Museum; internal casts of this fossil were called *Aysirochites* by old authors.

## ORTHIS, Dalman.

*Etymology*, *orthos*, straight.

*Type*, *O. rustica*, Pl. XV., Fig. 23.

*Synonyms*, *Diculusia* (*biloba*), King. *Platystrophia* (*biforata*), King. *Gonambonites* (*inflexa*), Pander. *Orthambonites* (*calligramma*), Pander.

*Shell* transversely oblong, radiately striated or plaited, bi-convex, hinge-line narrower than the shell, cardinal process simple, brachial processes tooth-like, prominent and curved.

*Fossil*, 154 species. Lower Silurian—Carb. Arctic America, United States, South America, Falkland Islands, Europe, Thibet.

? *Sub-genera*. *Orthisina*, D'Orbigny. *O. anomala*, Schl. Fig. 183. *Synonyms*, *Pronites* (*ascendens*) and *Hemipronites*,



Fig. 183. *Orthisina*.

Pander. *Shell* impunctate? widest at the hinge-line; cardinal notch closed, byssal notch (*fissure*) covered by a convex pseudo-deltidium, sometimes perforated by a small round foramen. *Fossil*, Lower Silurian, Europe.

*O. pelargonatus* (*Streptorhynchus*, King), from the Magnesian limestone,

*O. senilis*, Carb. limestone, and some Devonian species, have the beak twisted, as if it had been attached; there is no foramen.

## STROPHOMENA, Blainville.\*

*Etymology*, *strophos*, bent, *mene*, crescent

*Examples*, *S. rhomboidalis*, Pl. XV., Fig. 24. (= *Productus depressus*, Sby.)

*Synonyms*, *Leptaena* (*rugosa*), Dalman. *Leptagonia*, M'Coy. *Enteleutes*, Fischer.

*Shell* semicircular, widest at the hinge-line, concavo-convex, depressed, radiately striated; area double; ventral valve with an angular notch, progressively covered by a convex pseudo-deltidium; umbo depressed, rarely (?) perforated, in young shell by a minute foramen (Fig. 184, c), muscular depressions





valve with a bi-lobed cardinal process, between the dental sockets, and four depressions for the adductor muscles.



Fig. 184. Interior of *S. rhomboidalis*, var. *analoga*, Carb. limestone (after King).  
*f*, foramen; *t*, teeth; *o*, ovarian spaces; *b*, brachial pit?

There are no apparent brachial processes in the dorsal valve of *Strophomena*, and it is possible that the spiral arms may have been supported at some point near the centre of the shell (*b*) as in *Productus*; *S. rhomboidalis* occasionally exhibits traces of spiral arms, in the ventral valve. *S. latissima*, Bouch., has plain areas, like *Calceola*.

The valves of the *Strophomenas* are nearly flat until they approach their full growth, they then bend abruptly to one side; the dorsal valve becomes concave in *S. alternata* and *rhomboidalis*, whilst in *S. planumbona* and *euglypha* it becomes convex; these distinctions are not even sub-generic.

*Fossil*, 129 species. Lower Silurian—Carb. North America, Europe, Tibet.

*S. demissa*, Conr. (*Stropheodonta*, Hall), *S. Dutertrii*, and several other species have a denticulated hinge-line.

*Sub-genera*? *Leptaena* (part), Dalman. *L. transversalis*, Fig. 185. (*Plectambonites*, Pander.) Valves regularly curved; dorsal concave, thickened, muscular impressions elongated. *Fossil*, 41 species. Lower Silurian—Lias. North America and Europe. The lias *Leptaenas* resemble *Thecidia* internally; they are free shells, with sometimes a minute foramen at the apex of the triangular deltidium; *L. liassina*, Pl. XV., Fig. 25.

*Koninckia*, Suess. *Producta Leonhardi*, Wasm. (*P. alpina*, Schl.), Fig. 186. Trias, St. Cassian. Shell orbicular, concavo-convex, smooth; valves articulated? closely appressed; ventral valve convex, dorsal concave; beak incurved, no hinge-area

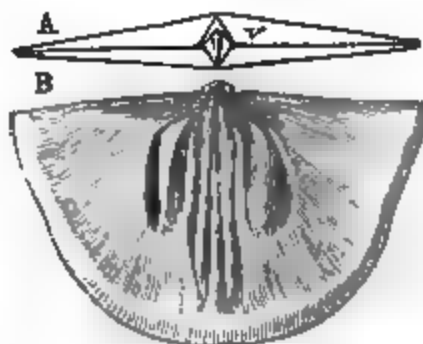


Fig. 185. *Leptaena*, ♀.  
*A*, hinge-areas; *V*, ventral; *N*, interior of dorsal valve.

nor foramen? interior of each valve furrowed by two spiral lines of four volutions, directed inwards, and crossing the vascular impressions; umbo with three diverging ridges. The small

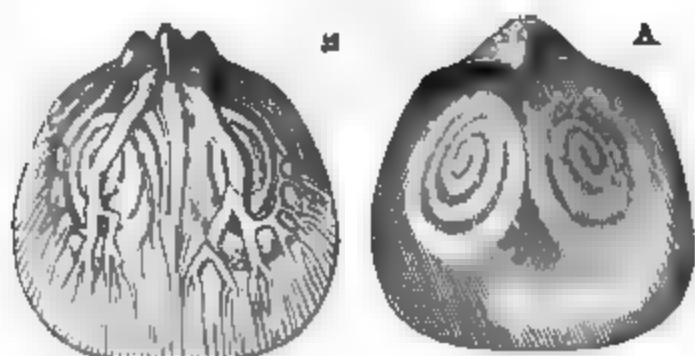


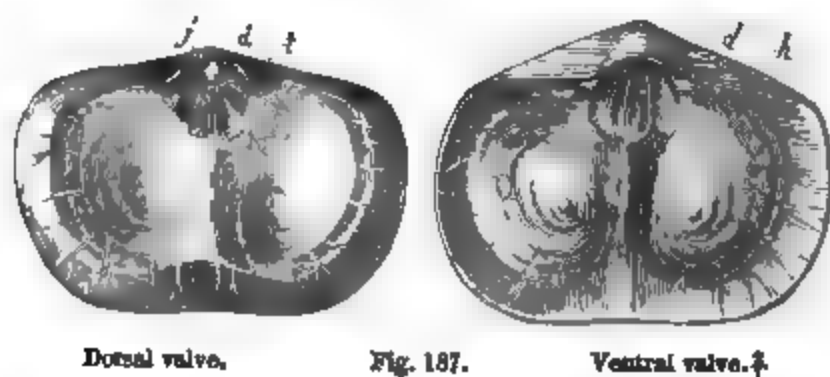
Fig. 186. *Productus Leonhardi*, ♀.

spiral cavities, once occupied by the arms, and now filled with spar, may be seen in specimens with both valves, by holding them to the light. M. Suss, of Vienna, states that he has found traces of very slender spiral lamellæ occupying the furrows. This curious little shell most resembles the Triassic *Leptaena dubia* (*Productus*), Münster (= *Crania Murchisoni*, Klipst!).

#### DAVIDSONIA, Bouchard.

Dedicated to the author of the Monograph of British Fossil Brachiopoda.

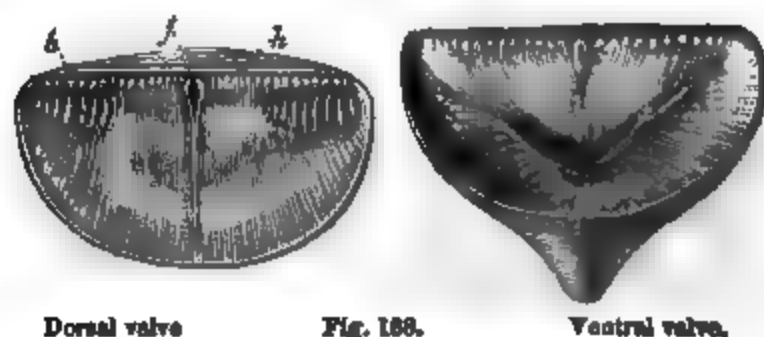
Type, *D. Verneuili*, Bouchard. Fig. 187. Devonian, Eifel.



Shell solid, attached by outer surface of the ventral valve to rocks, shells, and corals; valves plain, articulated; ventral valve with a wide area (*h*); foramen angular, covered by a

with diverging branches; cardinal and adductor impressions distinct. The furrowed cones undoubtedly indicate the existence of spiral arms, similar to those of *Atrypa* (Fig. 180), but destitute of calcified supports. The upper valve sometimes exhibits markings derived from the surface on which the shell has grown. The mantle-lobes seem to have continued depositing shell until the internal cavity was reduced to the smallest possible limit.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Devonian—Trias.



#### CALCEOLA, Lamarck.

*Etymology*, *calceola*, a slipper.

*Type*, *C. sandalina*, Pl. XV., Fig. 26. Fig. 188.

*Shell* thick, triangular; valves plain, not articulated; *ventral* valve pyramidal; area large, flat, triangular, with an obscure central line; hinge-line straight, crenulated, *dorsal* valve flat, semicircular, with a narrow area (*h*), a small cardinal process (*j*), and two lateral groups of small apophysary (?) ridges (*b*); internal surface punctate-striate.

*Fossil*, Devonian, Eifel, Britain.

The supposed Carboniferous species (*Hypodema*, D.K.) is, perhaps, related to *Pileopsis*. *Calceola* is shaped like *Cyrtia*, and its hinge-area resembles that of some *Strophomenas*.

#### FAMILY V.—PRODUCTIDÆ.

*Shell* concavo-convex, with a straight hinge-line; valves rarely articulated by teeth; closely appressed, furnished with tubular spines; ventral valve convex; dorsal concave; internal surface dotted with conspicuous, funnel-shaped punctures; *dorsal* valve with a prominent cardinal process; brachial processes (?) sub-central; vascular markings lateral, broad, and simple; adductor impressions dendritic, separated by a narrow central ridge; *ventral* valve with a slightly notched hinge-line;

adductor scar central, near the umbo; cardinal impressions lateral, striated.

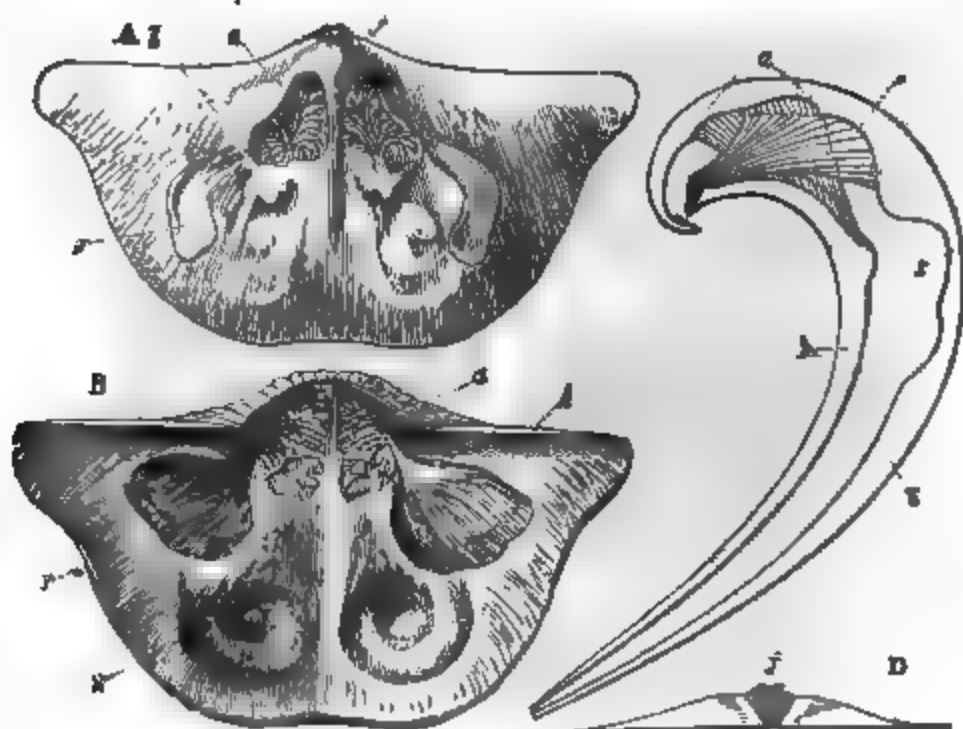


Fig. 189. *Productus giganteus*, † Carb. limestone.

A, interior of dorsal valve; B, interior of ventral valve, with the umbo removed; C, ideal section of both valves; D, hinge-line of A; j, cardinal process; a, adductor; r, cardinal muscles; b, oral processes; s, hollows occupied by the spiral arms; v, vascular impressions; A, hinge-area.

### PRODUCTUS, Sowerby.

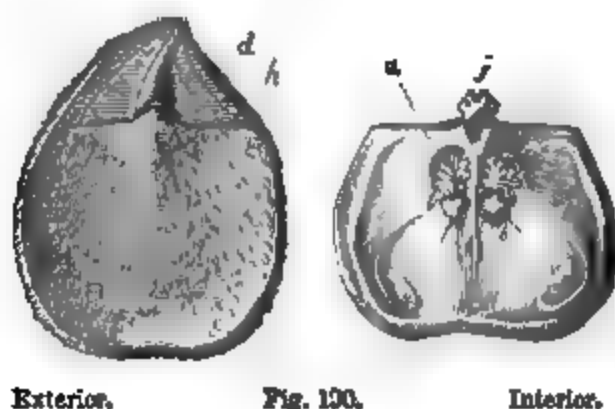
*Types*, *P. giganteus*, Martin. = *Anomia producta*, Martin.

*Examples*, *P. horridus*, Pl. XV., Fig. 27. *P. proboscideus*, Pl. XV., Fig. 28.

*Shell* free, auriculate, beak large and rounded; spines scattered; hinge-area in each valve linear, indistinct; no hinge-teeth; cardinal process lobed, striated; vascular impressions simple, curved; ventral valve deep, with two rounded or sub-spiral cavities in front. These shells may have been attached by a pedicle when young, the impressions of the pedicle-muscle blending with those of the hinge-muscles (c) in the ventral valve. A few species appear to have been permanently fixed. *P. striatus* is irregular in its growth, elongated and tapering towards the beak, and occurs in numbers packed closely together. *P. proboscideus* seems to have lived habitually in cavities, or half-buried in mud, as suggested by M. D'Orbigny; its ventral valve is prolonged several inches beyond the other, and has its

edges rolled together and united, forming a large permanently open tube for the brachial currents. The large spines are most usually situated on the ears of the ventral valve, and may have served to moor the shell; being tubular they were permanently susceptible of growth and repair. Although edentulous, the dorsal valve must have turned on its long hinge-line with as much precision as in those genera which are regularly articulated by teeth.

*Fossil*, 81 species. Devonian—Permian. North and South America, Europe, Spitzbergen, Thibet, Australia.



Exterior,

Fig. 190.

Interior,

*Sub-genus*. *Aulosteges*, Helmersen. *A. Wangenheimii*, Vern., Fig. 190. Permian, Russia; Carb. *Shell* like *Producta*; ventral valve with a large flat triangular hinge-area (*h*), with a narrow convex pseudo-deltidium (*d*) in the centre; beak a little distorted, as if attached when young; dorsal valve slightly convex near the umbo; interior as in *Productus (longi-spinus)*.

#### STROPHALOSIA, King.

*Example*, *S. Cancrini*, De Vern., Fig. 191.

*Synonym*, *Orthothrix*, Geinitz.

*Shell* attached by the umbo of the ventral valve; sub-quadrate; covered with long slender spines; valves articulated, dorsal moderately concave, ventral convex, each with a small area; fissure covered; vascular impressions conjoined, reniform.

*Fossil*, 8 species. Devonian—Carb. Europe, Himalaya (Gerard).

Fig. 191. *S. Cancrini*.

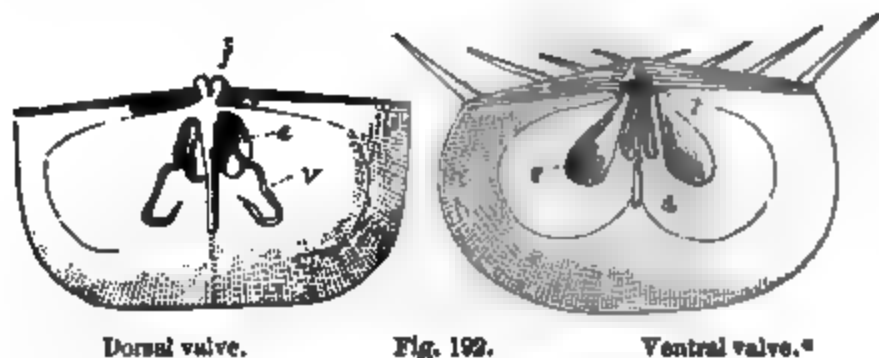
## CHONETES, Fischer.

*Example, C. striatella*, Pl. XV., Fig. 29.

*Etymology, chone*, a cup.

*Shell* transversely oblong, with a wide and straight hinge-line; area double; valves radiately striated, articulated; hinge-margin of ventral valve with a series of tubular spines; fissure covered; interior punctate-striate; vascular impressions (v) very small. (Davidson.)

*Fossil*, 47 species. Silurian—Carboniferous. Europe, North America, Falkland Islands.



## FAMILY VI.—CRANIADÆ.

*Shell* orbicular, calcareous, hinge-less; attached by the umbo, or whole breadth of the ventral valve, rarely free; dorsal valve limpet-like; interior of each valve with a broad granulated border; disk with four large muscular impressions, and digitated vascular impressions; structure punctate.

*Animal* with free spiral arms, directed towards the concavity of the dorsal valve, and supported by a nose-like prominence in the middle of the lower valve; mantle extending to the edges of the valves, and closely adhering; its margins plain. (Fig. 195.)

## CRANIA, Retzius.

*Etymology, krancia*, capitate.

*Type, Anomia craniolaris*, L.

*Example, C. Ignabergensis*, Pl. XV., Fig. 30. *C. anomala*,

(*anomala*), Cuvier

Shell smooth or radiately striated; umbo of dorsal valve sub-central; of ventral valve sub-central, marginal, or prominent and cap-like, with an obscure triangular area traversed by a central line.

The large muscular impressions of the attached valve are

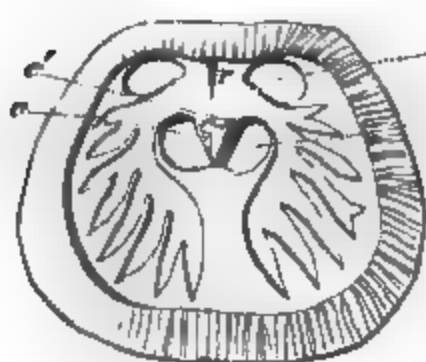


Fig. 193. Ventral valve.

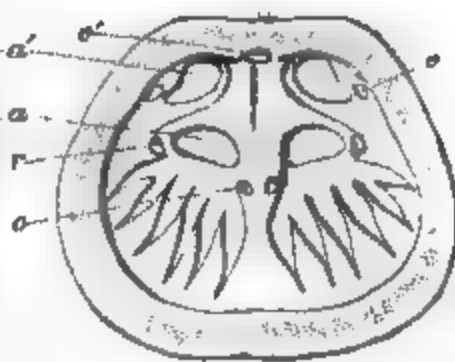


Fig. 194. Dorsal valve.

*Crania anomala*, Muller.  $\frac{4}{7}$  Zetland.

*a*, anterior adductors; *a'*, posterior adductors; *c*, posterior adjustors; *c'*, cardinal muscle; *r*, *o*, central and external adjustors.

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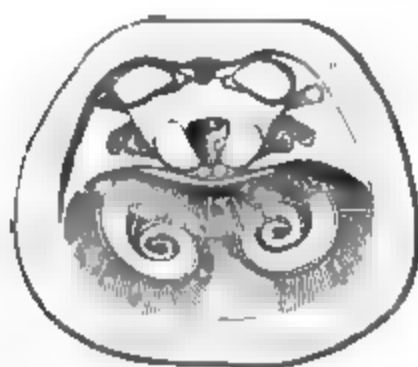
*Fossil*, 37 species. Lower Silurian—. Europe

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\* M. Quenstedt has placed the Oolitic *Crania* in *Siphonaria*!

## FAMILY VII.—DISCINIDÆ.

Shell attached by a pedicle, passing through a foramen in the ventral valve; valves not articulated; minutely punctate.

Fig. 195. *Crania*.\*Fig. 196. *Discina*.†

Animal with a highly vascular mantle, fringed with long horny setæ; oral arms curved backwards, returning upon themselves, and ending in small spires directed downwards, towards the ventral valve.

## DISCINA, Lamarck.

*Synonyms*, *Orbicula*, Sby. (not Cuvier†). *Orbiculoides* (elliptica), D'Orbigny. *Schizotreta*, Kutorga.

*Types*, *D. lamellosa*, Pl. XV., Fig. 31. (= *D. ostreoides*, Lamarck.)

Shell orbicular, horny; upper valve limpet-like, smooth or concentrically lamellose, apex behind the centre; lower valve flat or conical, with a sunk and perforated disk on the posterior side; interior polished; lower valve with a central prominence in front of the foramen.

Animal transparent; mantle lobes distinct all round; labial folds united, not extensile; alimentary canal simple, bent upon itself ventrally, and terminating between the mantle-lobes on the right side. There are four distinct adductor muscles as in

\* Dorsal valve, with the animal, seen by removing the mantle.



$\alpha$ ; and three pair of adjustor muscles for keeping the s opposed to each other. Some of these are probably ted in the pedicle. The oral cirri are extremely tender and ble, contrasting with the stiff and brittle setæ of the mantle,

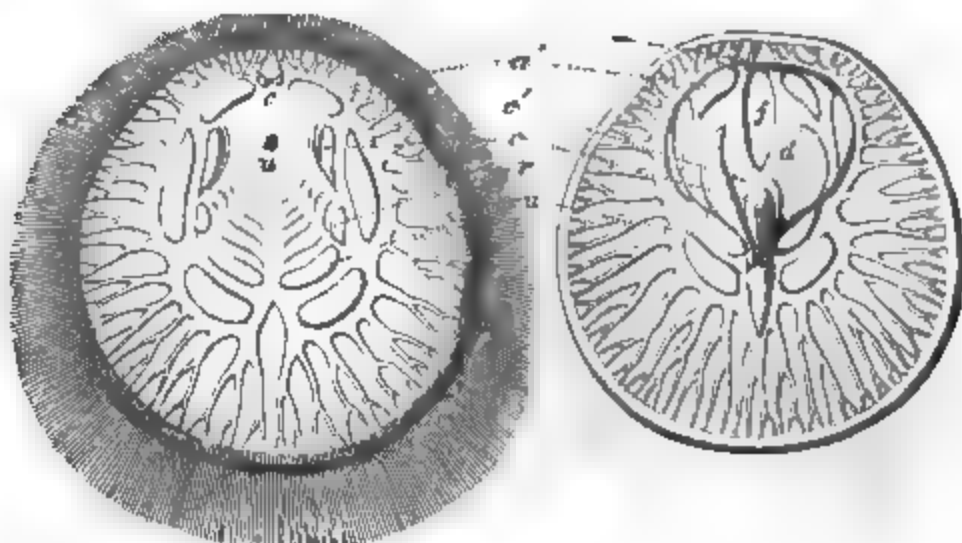


Fig. 197. Dorsal.

Fig. 198. Ventral lobe.

*Discina lamellosa*, Brod. †

u, umbo; f, foramen; d, disk; a, anterior adductors; a', posterior adductors; c, c', central and posterior adjustors; r, external adjustors. The mantle-fringe is not represented in Fig. 198.

which are themselves setose like the bristles of certain annelides (e.g. the sea-mouse, *Aphrodite*). The relation of the animal to the perforate and imperforate valves is shown to be the same as in *Terebratula*, by the labial fringe; but the only process which can possibly have afforded support to the oral arms is developed from the centre of the ventral valve, as in *Crania*. Baron Ryckholt has represented a Devonian fossil from Belgium, with a fringed border; but if this shell is the *Crania obsoleta* of Goldfuss, the fringe must belong to the shell, and not to the mantle.

*Distribution*, 10 species. West Africa, Malacca, Peru, and Panama.

*Fossil*, 64 species. Silurian—. Europe, United States, Falkland Islands.

In some species the valves are equally convex, and the foramen occupies the end of a narrow groove.

*Sub-genus*. *Trematis*, Sharpe. (=Orbicella, D'Orbigny.) *T. terminalis*, Emmons. Valves convex, superficially punctate; dorsal valve with a thickened hinge-margin (and three diverging plates, indicated on casts.—Sharpe). *Fossil*, 14 species, Lower and Upper Silurian. North America and Europe.

## SIPHONOTRETA, Verneuil.

*Etymology*, siphon, a tube, tretos, perforated.

*Types*, *S. unguiculata*, Eichw., Figs. 199, 201. *S. verru* Fig. 200.

*Shell* oval, bi-convex, slightly beaked, conspicuously pun or spiny; beak perforated by a tubular foramen; hinge-mus



Fig. 199.

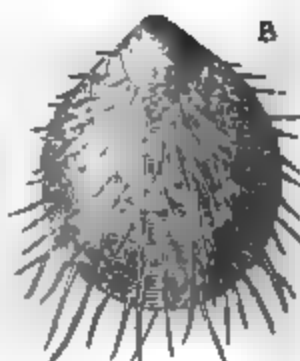


Fig. 200. Exterior.



Fig. 201. Interior.

thickened; ventral valve with four close adductor scars rounding the foramen. The spines are tubular, and open the interior of the shell by prominent orifices. (Compare *S. anglica*, Morris, has moniliform spines.

*Fossil*, 9 species. Lower and Upper Silurian. Br Bohemia, Russia.

? *Acrotreta* (sub-conica), Kutorga. 3 species. Lower Sil Russia. Shaped like *Cyrtia*, with an apical foramen hinge.

## FAMILY VIII.—LINGULIDÆ.

*Shell* oblong or orbicular, sub-equivalve, attached by a p passing out between the valves; texture horny, min tubular.

*Animal*, with a highly vascular mantle, fringed with 1 setæ; oral arms thick, fleshy, spiral, the spires directed inw towards each other.

## LINGULA, Bruguière.

*Etymology*, lingua, a little tongue.

*Animal* with the mantle-lobes firmly adhering to the shell, and united to the epidermis, their margins distinct, and fringed all round; branchial veins giving off numerous free, elongated, narrow loops from their inner surfaces; visceral cavity occupy-

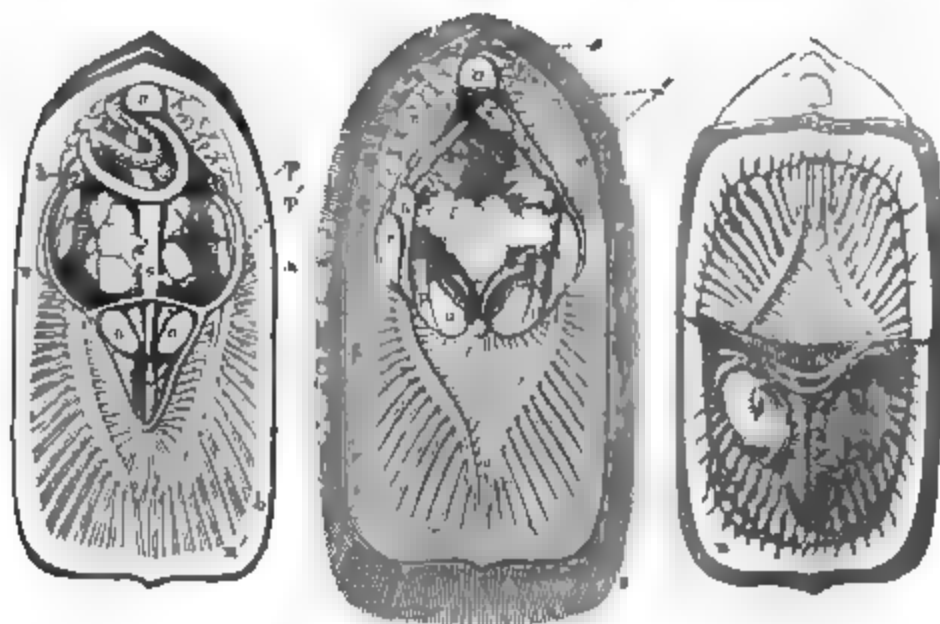


Fig. 202. Dorsal.\*

Fig. 203. Ventral.

Fig. 204. Ventral.

*Lingula anatina*, Lam. (original). *Syn. Patella unguis*, L. (part.)

*a a*, anterior adductors; *a'*, posterior adductor; *p p*, external adductors; *p' p'*, central adductors; *r r*, anterior retractors (the anterior occlusors of Hancock); *r' r'*, posterior adductors; *c*, capsule of pedicle; *m m*, visceral sheath; *o*, oesophagus; *s*, stomach; *l*, liver; *i*, intestine; *v*, vent; *b*, branchial vessels; *m'*, mantle margin; *m*, inner lamina of mantle margin retracted, showing bases of setae; *s*, s. 12c.

ing the posterior half of the shell, and surrounded by a strong muscular sheath; pedicle elongated, thick; stomach long and straight, sustained by inflections of the visceral sheath; intestine convoluted dorsally, terminating between the mantle-lobes on the right side, oral arms disposed in about six close whorls, their cavities opening into the prolongation of the visceral sheath in front of the adductors.

Observations on the living *Lingula* are much wanted; the oral arms probably extended as far as the margins of the shell; and the pedicle, which is often nine inches long in preserved specimens, is doubtless much longer, and contractile when

\* In Fig. 202 a small portion of the liver and visceral sheath have been removed, to show the course of the stomach and intestine. In some specimens the whole of the viscera, except a portion of the liver, are concealed by the ovaries. In Fig. 204 the front half of the ventral mantle-lobe is raised, to show the spiral arms; the black spot in the centre is the mouth, with its upper and lower lips, one fringed, the other plain. The mantle-fringe has been omitted in Figs. 202, 204.

alive. The shell is horny and flexible, and always of a greenish colour.

*Distribution*, 18 species. India, Philippines, Moluccas, Australia, Feejees, Sandwich Islands, West America.

*Fossil*, 91 species. Lower Silurian—. North America, Europe, Thibet.

*Lingula* existed in the British seas as late as the period of the Coralline Crag. The recent species have been found at small depths, and even at low water half buried in sand. *L. Davisii*, Lower Silurian, Tremadoc, has a pedicle-groove like *Obolus*, Fig. 205. (Salter.)

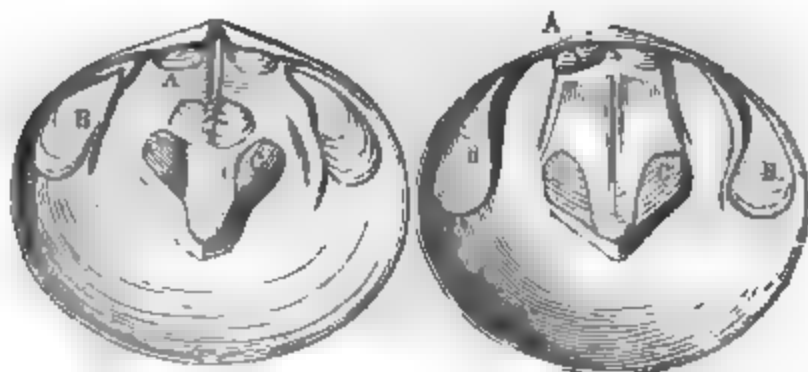


Fig. 205. Ventral valve.

Fig. 206. Dorsal valve.

*Obolus Davidsoni*. (Salter.) Wenlock limestone, Dudley.

A, posterior adductors; B, adjustors; C, anterior adductors.

The pedicle-scar in the centre of Fig. 168 has no letter.

### OBOLUS, Eichwald.

*Synonyms*, Ungula, Pander; Aulonotreta, Kutorga.

*Etymology*, *obolus*, a small Greek coin.

*Type*, *O. Apollinis*, Eichw.

*Shell* orbicular, calcareo-corneous, depressed, sub-equivalve, smooth; hinge-margin thickened inside, and slightly grooved in the ventral valve; posterior adductor impressions separate; anterior pair sub-central; impressions of adjustors lateral. Fig. 205, 206. (After Davidson.)

*Fossil*, 8 species. Lower and Upper Silurian. Sweden, Russia, England, United States,

## CHAPTER IV.

## CLASS V. CONCHIFERA, LAMARCK.

(Lamelli-branchiata, Blainville.)

The bivalve shell-fish, or *Conchifera*, are familiar to every one, under the form of oysters, scallops, mussels, and cockles.\* They come next to the univalves (*gasteropoda*) in variety and importance, and though less numerous specifically, are far more abundant individually.† The bivalves are all aquatic, and excepting a few widely-dispersed and prolific genera, are all inhabitants of the sea; they are found on every coast, and in every climate, ranging from low-water mark to a depth of more than 200 fathoms.

In their native element the Oyster and Scallop lie on one side, and the lower valve is deeper and more capacious than the upper; in these the foot is wanting, or else small, and not used for locomotion. Most other bivalves live in an erect position, resting on the edges of their shells, which are of equal size. Those which move about much, like the river-mussel, maintain themselves nearly horizontally,‡ and their keel-shaped foot is adapted for ploughing through sand or mud. The position of those bivalves which live half-buried in river-beds or at the bottom of the sea, is often indicated by the darker colour of the part exposed; or by deposits of tufa, or the growth of seaweed on the projecting ends of the valves,

In *Nucula* and some others the foot is deeply cleft, and capable of expanding into a disk, like that on which the snails glide; whilst in the mussel, pearl-oyster, and others which habitually spin a *byssus*, the foot is finger-like and grooved.

The burrowing species have a strong and stout foot with which they bore vertically into the sea-bed, often to a depth far exceeding the length of their valves; these never voluntarily quit their abodes, and often become buried and fossilised in them. They most usually burrow in soft ground, but also in coarse gravel, and firm sands and clays; one small *modiola* makes its hole in the cellulose tunic of Ascidians, and another in floating blubber.

\* They are the *Dithyra* of Aristotle and Swainson, and constitute the second or sub-typical group in the quinary system.

† It has been stated that the predatory *mollusca* are more numerous than the vegetable-feeders; but it is not so with the individuals constituting the species.

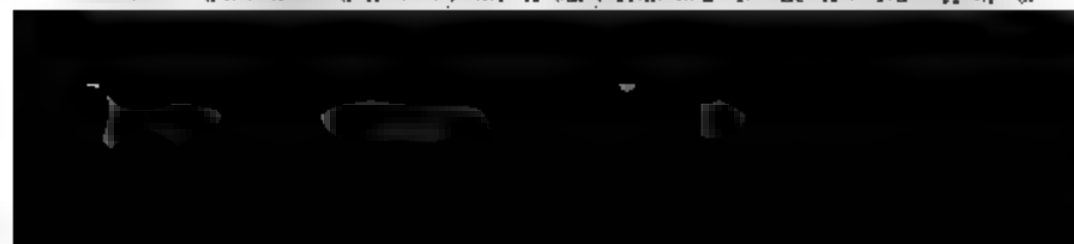
‡ This is the position in which they are always figured in English books, being best suited for the comparison of one shell with another.

The boring shell-fish have been distinguished from the mere burrowers, perhaps without sufficient reason, for they are found in substances of every degree of hardness, from soft mud to compact limestone, and the method employed is probably the same.\*

The means by which bivalves perforate stone and timber has been the subject of much inquiry, both on account of its physiological interest, and the desire to obtain some remedy for the injuries done to ships, and piers, and breakwaters. The ship-worm (*teredo*) and some allied genera, perforate timber only; whilst the *pholas* bores into a variety of materials, such as chalk, shale, clay, soft sandstone and sandy marl, and decomposing gneiss;† it has also been found boring in the peat of submarine forests, in wax, and in amber.‡ It is obvious that these substances can only be perforated alike by *mechanical* means; either by the foot or by the valves, or both together, as in the burrowing shellfish. The *pholas* shell is rough, like a file, and sufficiently hard to abrade limestone; and the animal is able to turn from side to side, or even quite round in its cell, the interior of which is often annulated with furrows made by the spines on the front of the valves. The foot of the *pholas* is very large, filling the great anterior opening of the valves; that of the ship-worm is smaller, but surrounded with a thick collar, formed by the edges of the mantle, and both are armed with a strong *epithelium*. The foot appears to be a more efficient instrument than the shell in one respect, inasmuch as its surface may be renewed as fast as it is worn away.§ (Hancock.)

The mechanical explanation becomes more difficult in the case of another set of shells, *lithodomus*, *gastrochaena*, *saxicava*, and *ungulina*, which bore only into calcareous rocks, and attack the hardest marble, and still harder shells. (Fig. 25, p. 34). In these the valves can render no assistance, as they are smooth, and covered with *epidermis*; neither does the foot help, being small and finger-like, and not applied to the end of the burrow. Their power of movement also is extremely limited, their cells not being cylindrical, whilst one of them, *saxicava*, is fixed in

\* See the animal in its burrow by Mr Albany Hancock in the An. Nat. Hist. for



its crypt by a *bysus*. These shell fish have been supposed to dissolve the rock by chemical means (Deshayes), or else to wear it away with the thickened anterior margins of the mantle. (Hancock.)\*

The holes of the *lithodomi* often serve to shelter other animals after the death of the rightful owners; species of *Modiola*, *Arca*, *Venerupis*, and *Coralliophaga*, both recent and fossil, have been found in such situations, and mistaken for the real miners.†

The boring shell-fish have been called "stone-eaters" (*lithophagi*) and "wood-eaters" (*xylophagi*), and some of them at least are obliged to swallow the material produced by their operations, although they may derive no sustenance from it. The ship-worm is often filled with pulpy, impalpable sawdust, of the colour of the timber in which it worked. (Hancock.) No shell-fish deepens or enlarges its burrow after attaining the full growth usual to its species (p. 35).

The bivalves live by filtering water through their gills.‡ Whatever particles the current brings, whether organic or inorganic, animal or vegetable, are collected on the surface of the breathing-organ and conveyed to the mouth. In this manner they help to remove the impurities of turbid water.§ The mechanism by which this is effected may be most conve-

\* All attempts to detect the presence of an acid secretion have hitherto failed, as might be expected; for the hypothesis of an acid solvent supposes only a very feeble but continuous action, such as in nature always works out the greatest results in the end. See Liebig's Organic Chemistry, and Dumas and Boussingault on the "Balance of Organic Nature." Intimately connected with this question are several other phenomena; the removal of portions of the interior of univalves, by the animal itself, as in the genera *Conus*, *Auricula*, and *Nerita* (Fig. 24, p. 32); the perforation of shells by the tongues of the carnivorous gasteropods, and the formation of holes in wood and limestone by limpets. Some facts in surgery also illustrate this subject, (1) dead bone is removed when granulations grow into contact with it: (2) if a hole is bored in a bone, and an ivory peg driven into it, and covered up, so much of the peg as is embedded in the bone will be removed. (Paget.) The "absorption" of the fangs of milk-teeth, previous to shedding, is well known. In these cases the removal of the bone earth is effected without the development of an acid, or other disturbance of the neutral condition of the circulating fluid.

† Fossil univalves (*trochi*) occupying the burrows of a *pholas*, were discovered by Mr. Bensted in the Kentish-rag of Maidstone. See Mantell's Medals of Creation. M. Buvignier has found several species of *Arca* fossilised in the burrows of *lithodomi*.

‡ It seems scarcely necessary to remark that the bivalves do not feed upon prey caught between their valves. Microscopists are well aware that sediment taken from the alimentary canal of bivalve shellfish contains the skeletons of animalcules and minute vegetable organisms, whose geometrical forms are remarkably varied and beautiful; they have also been obtained (in greater abundance than ordinary) from mud filling the interior of fossil oyster-shells.

§ When placed in water coloured with indigo, they will in a short time render it clear, by collecting the minute particles and condensing them into a solid form.

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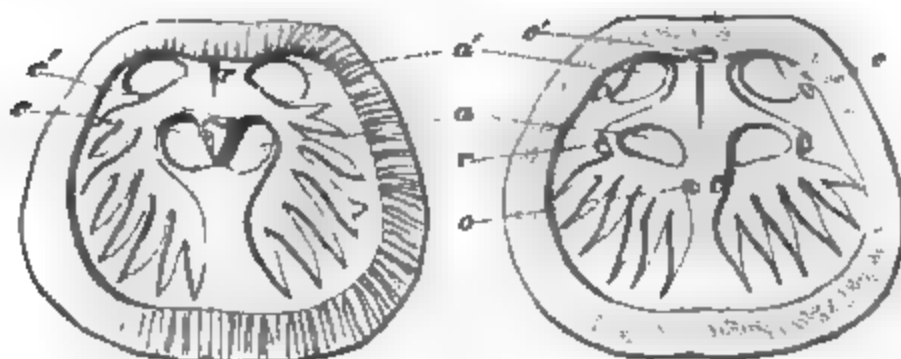


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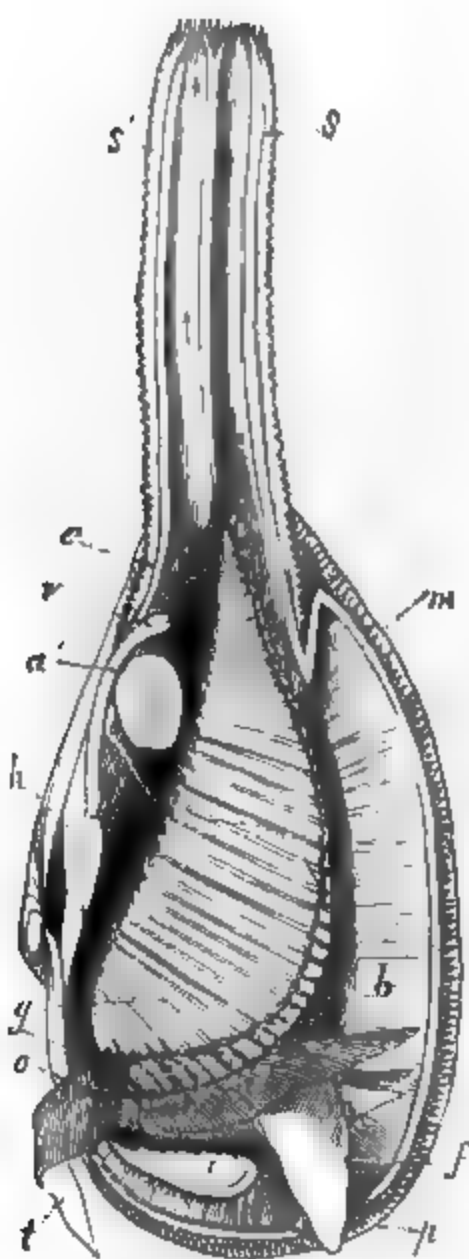


Fig. 207. *Mya arenaria*. †

or dorsal margins; behind the body they are united to each other

great *Mya* (Fig. 207), which lives in the mud of tidal rivers, with only the ends of its long combined siphons exposed at the surface.\* The siphons can be extended twice the length of the shell, or drawn completely within it; they are separated, internally, by a thick muscular wall. The branchial siphon (*s*) has its orifice surrounded by a double fringe; the exhalent siphon (*s'*) has but a single row of tentacles; these organs are very sensitive, and if rudely touched the orifices close and the siphon itself is rapidly withdrawn. When unmolested, a current flows steadily into the orifice of the branchial siphon, whilst another current rises up from the exhalent tube. There is no other opening in the mantle except a small slit in front (*p*) through which the foot is protruded. The body of the animal occupies the centre of the shell (*b*), and in front of it is the mouth (*c*) furnished with an upper and a lower lip, which are prolonged on each side into a pair of large membranous palpi (*t*). The gills (*g*) are placed two on each side of the body, and are attached along their upper,

\* Alder and Hancock on the branchial currents of *Pholas* and *Mya*. An. Nat. Hist. Nov. 1851.

and to the siphonal partition. Each gill is composed of two laminae, divided internally into a series of parallel tubes, indicated outside by transverse lines; these tubes open into longitudinal channels at the base of the gills, which unite behind the posterior adductor muscle at the commencement of the exhalent siphon (c). Examined by the microscope, the gill laminae appear to be a network of blood-vessels whose pores opening into the gill-tubes, are fringed with vibratile *cilia*. These microscopic organs perform most important offices; they create the currents of water, arrest the floating particles, and mould them, mixed with the viscid secretion of the surface, into threads, in the furrows of the gill, and propel them along the grooved edge of its free margin, in the direction of the mouth; they are then received between the palpi in the form of ravelled threads. (Alder and Hancock.)

In *Mya*, therefore (and in other burrowers), the cavity of the shell forms a closed branchial chamber, and the water which enters it by the respiratory siphon can only escape by passing through the gills into the dorsal channels, and so into the exhalent siphon. In the river-mussel the gills are not united to the body, but a slit is left by which water might pass into the dorsal channel, were it not for the close apposition of the parts under ordinary circumstances (Fig. 208 b). The gills of the oyster are united throughout, by their bases, to each other and to the mantle, completely separating the branchial cavity from the *cloaca*. In *Pecten* the gills and mantle are free, but the "dorsal channels" still exist, and carry out the filtered water.

In some genera the gills subserve a third purpose; the oviducts open into the dorsal channels and the eggs are received into the gill-tubes and retained there until they are hatched. In the river-mussel the outer gills only receive the eggs, with which they are completely distended in the winter months (Fig. 208, o, o). In *Cyclas* the inner gills form the *marsupium*, and only from 10 to 20 of the fry are found in them at one time; these remain until they are nearly a quarter the length of the parent.\*

The *valves* of the *Conchifera* are bound together by an elastic *ligament*, and articulated by a hinge furnished with interlocking teeth. The shell is closed by powerful adductor muscles, but opens spontaneously by the action of the ligament, when the animal relaxes, and after it is dead.

Each valve is a hollow cone, with the apex turned more or

\* Some other particulars respecting the organisation and development of bivalve shell-fish are given in Chapter I. For an account of their vascular system see Milne-Edwards, An. Sc. Nat. 1847, tom. viii. p. 77.

less to one side; the apex is the point from which the growth of the valve commences, and is termed the beak, or *umbo* (p. 29). The beaks (*umbones*) are near the hinge, because that side grows least rapidly, sometimes they are quite marginal; but they always tend to become wider apart with age. The beaks are either straight, as in *Pecten*; curved, as in *Venus*; or spiral, as in *Isocardia* and *Diceras*. In the latter case each valve is like a spiral univalve, especially those with a large aperture and small spire, such as *Concholepas*; it is the left valve which resembles the ordinary univalve, the right valve being a *left-handed spiral* like the reversed gasteropoda. When one valve is spiral and the other flat, as in *Chama ammonia* (Fig. 224),



Fig. 208. River-mussel. (*Anodon cygneus* ♀) \*

the resemblance to an operculated spiral univalve becomes very striking.

The relation of the shell to the animal may be readily determined, in most instances, by the direction of the *umbones*, and the position of the ligament. The umbones are turned towards the front, and the ligament is posterior; both are situated on the back, or dorsal side of the shell. The *length* of a bivalve is measured from the anterior to the posterior side, its *breadth* from the dorsal margin to the base, and its *thickness* from the centres of the closed valves.†

The *Conchifera* are mostly *equivalve*, the right and left valves

\* The valves are forcibly opened and the foot (*f*) contracted; *a*, anterior adductor-muscle, much stretched; *p, p*, palpi; *g*, inner gills; *o, o*, outer gills distended with spawn; *b, b*, a bristle passed through one of the dorsal channels.

† Linnæus and the naturalists of his school described the front of the shell as the back, the left valve as the right, and *vice versa*. In those works which have been compiled from "original descriptions" (instead of specimens) sometimes one end, sometimes the other, is called *anterior*; and the *length* of the shell is sometimes estimated in the direction of the length of the animal, but just as frequently in a line at right angles to it.

being of the same size and shape, except in the *Ostreidae* and a few others. In *Ostrea*, *Pandora*, and *Lyonista*, the right valve is smallest; in *Chamostrea* and *Corbula*, the left; whilst the *Chamaeas* follow no rule in this respect.

The bivalves are all more or less *inequilateral*, the anterior

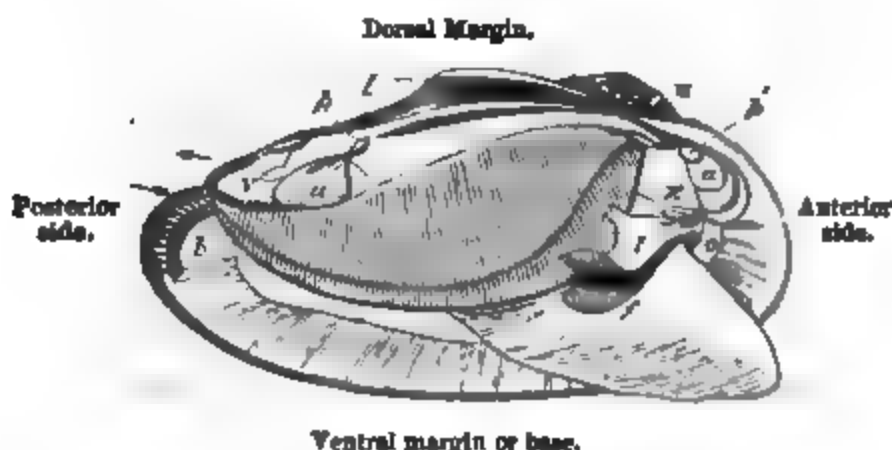


Fig. 308. *Unio pictorum*, L. (original), with the right valve and muscle-lobe removed; a, a, adductor muscles; p, p, pedal muscles; x, accessory pedal muscle; u, umbo; l, ligament; b, branchial orifice; v, anal opening; f, foot; o, mouth; t, palps.

being usually much shorter than the posterior side, *Pectunculus* is nearly equilateral, and in *Glycymeris* and *Solemya* the anterior is much longer than the posterior side. The front of the smaller *Pecten* is shown by the byssal notch; but in the large scallops, oysters and *Spondyli*, the only indication of the position of the animal is afforded by the large internal muscular impression, which is on the *posterior* side. The ligament is sometimes between the umbones, but is never anterior to them. The *siphonal impression*, inside the shell, is always posterior.

Bivalves are said to be *close*, when the valves fit accurately, and *gaping*, when they cannot be completely shut. In *Gastrochaena* (Pl. XXIII., Fig. 15), the opening is anterior, and serves for the passage of the foot; in *Mya* it is posterior and siphonal; in *Solen* and *Glycymeris* both ends are open. In *Byssarca* (Pl. XVII., Fig. 13), there is a ventral opening formed by corresponding notches in the margin of the valves, which serves for the passage of the byssus; in *Pecten*, *Avicula*, and *Anomia* (Fig. 211, e), the byssal notch (or *sinus*) is confined to the right valve.

The *surface* of bivalve shells is often ornamented with ribs which *radiate* from the umbones to the margin, or with *concentric* ridges, which coincide with the lines of growth. Sometimes the sculpturing is oblique, or wavy; in *Tellina fabula* it is confined to the right valve. In many species of *Pholus*,

*Teredo*, and *Cardium*, the surface is divided into two areas by a transverse furrow, or by a change in the direction of the ribs. The *lunule* (see Fig. 14, p. 20) is an oval space in front of the beaks; it is deeply impressed in *Cardium retusum*, L. *Astarte excavata*, and the genus *Opis*. When a similar impression exists behind the beaks, it is termed the *escutcheon*.\*

The *ligament* of the *Conchifera* forms a substitute for the muscles by which the valves of the *Brachiopoda* are opened. It consists of two parts, the ligament properly so called, and the *cartilage*; they exist either combined or distinct, and sometimes one is developed and not the other. The external ligament is a horny substance, similar to the *epidermis* which clothes the valves; it is usually attached to ridges on the posterior hinge-margins, behind the umbones, and is consequently stretched by the closing of the valves. The ligament is large in the river-mussels, and small in the *Mactres* and *Myas*, which have a large internal cartilage; in *Arca* and *Pectunculus* the ligament is spread over a flat, lozenge-shaped area, situated between the umbones, and furrowed with cartilage grooves. In *Chama* and *Isocardia* the ligament splits in front, and forms a spiral round each umbo. The *Pholades* have no ligament, but the anterior adductor is shifted to such a position on the hinge-margin that it acts as a hinge-muscle. (Pl. XXIII., Fig. 13.)

The internal ligament, or *cartilage*, is lodged in furrows formed by the ligamental plates, or in pits along the hinge-line; in *Mya* and *Nucula* it is contained in a spoon-shaped process of one or both valves. It is composed of elastic fibres placed perpendicularly to the surfaces between which it is contained, and is slightly iridescent when broken; it is compressed by the closing of the valves, and tends forcibly to open them as soon as the pressure of the muscles is removed. The name *Amphidesma* (double ligament) was given to certain bivalves, on the supposition that the separation of the cartilage from the ligament was peculiar to them. The cartilage-pit of many of the *Anatinidae* is furnished internally with a movable ossicle.

The ligament is frequently preserved in fossil shells, such as the great *Cyprinas* and *Carditas* of the London Clay, the *Unio* of the Wealden and even in some lower Silurian bivalves.

(Pl. XXII., Figs. 13, 17), and in *Mya* it is continued over the siphons and closed mantle-lobes, making the shell appear *internal*.

The *interior* of bivalves is inscribed with characters borrowed directly from the shell-fish, and affording a surer clue to its affinities than those which the exterior presents. The structure of the *hinge* characterises both families and genera, whilst the condition of the respiratory and locomotive organs may be to some extent inferred from the muscular markings.

The margin of the shell on which the ligament and teeth are situated, is termed the *hinge-line*. It is very long and straight in *Avicula* and *Arca*, very short in *Vulsella*, and curved in most genera. The locomotive bivalves have *generally* the strongest hinges, but the most perfect examples are presented by *Arca* and *Spondylus*. The central teeth, those immediately beneath the *umbo*, are called hinge (or *cardinal*) teeth; those on each side are *lateral* teeth. Sometimes lateral teeth are developed, and not cardinal teeth (*Alasmodon*; *Kellia*): more frequently the hinge-teeth alone are present. In young shells the teeth are sharp and well-defined; in aged specimens they are often thickened, or even obliterated by irregular growth (*Hippopodium*) or the encroachment of the hinge-line (*Pectunculus*). Many of the fixed and boring shells are *edentulous*.\*

The *muscular impressions* are those of the adductors, the foot and byssus, the siphons, and the mantle (see pp. 19, 20).

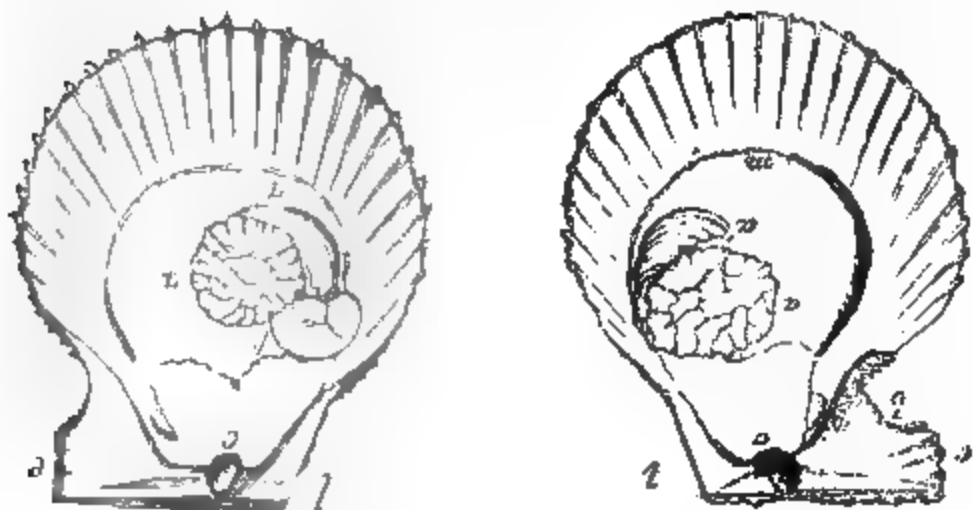


Fig. 210. Left valve.

(*Pecten* sp. var.)

Right valve.

a, a, adductor; p, pedal impression; m, palial line; L, ligamental margin; c, c, cartilage; s, s, anterior ears; b, byssal sinus.

The *adductor impressions* are usually simple, although the

\* The dentition of bivalve shells may be stated thus—cardinal teeth, 2, 3 or 4—meaning 2 in the *right* valve, 3 in the *left*; lateral teeth 1—1, 2—2, or 1 anterior and 1 posterior in the *right* valve, 2 anterior and 2 posterior lateral teeth in the *left* valve.

muscles themselves may be composed of two elements,\* as in *Cytherea chione* (Fig. 14, p. 20) and the common oyster. The impression of the posterior adductor in *Spondylus* is double (Pl. XVI., Fig. 15). In *Pecten varius* (Fig. 210, *a a*), large independent impressions are formed by the two portions of the adductor, and in the *left* valve there is a third impression (*p*) produced by the foot, which in the byssiferous pectens is a simple conical muscle with a broad base.

In the *left* valve of *Anomia* there are four distinct muscular impressions (Fig. 213). Of these, the small posterior spot alone is produced by the *adductor*, and corresponds with the solitary

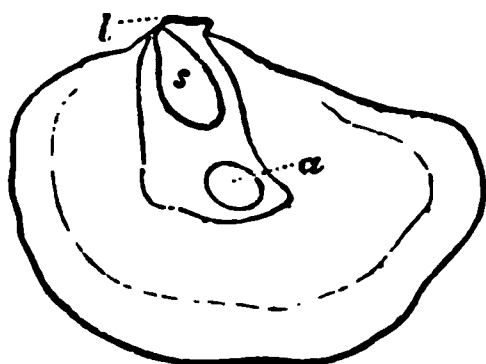


Fig. 211. Right valve.



Fig. 212.

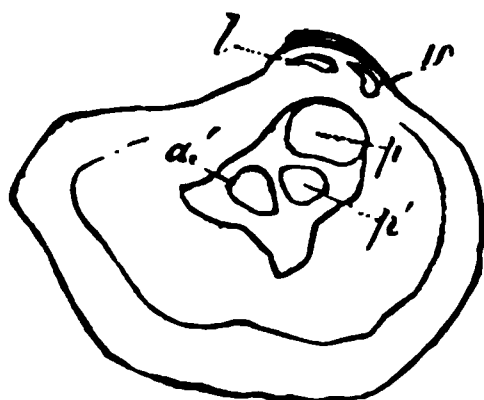


Fig. 213. Left valve.†

impression in the right valve. The adductor itself (Fig. 212, *a'*) is double. The large central impression (*p*) is produced by the muscle of the *plug* (the equivalent of the *byssal* muscle in *Pinna* and *Modiola*). The small impression within the umbo (*u*) and the third impression in the disc (*p'*) (wanting in *Placunomia*) are caused by the retractors of the foot.

The term *monomyary*, employed by Lamarck to distinguish the bivalves with one adductor, applies only to the *Ostreidæ*, part of the *Aviculidæ*, and to the genera *Tridacna* and *Mülleria*.

The *dimyary* bivalves have a second adductor, near the anterior margin, which is small in *Mytilus* (Fig. 30), but large in *Pinna*. The *retractor* muscles of the foot (already alluded to at p. 20) have their fixed points near those of the adductors; the anterior pair are attached within the umbones (Fig. 214, *u u*), or nearer the adductor, as in *Astarte* and *Unio* (Fig. 209). The posterior pair (*p' p'*) are often close to the adductor, and leave no separate

\* Compare the shell of *modiola*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 5, with the woodcut, Fig. 214.

† Fig. 211. Right valve of *Anomia ehippium*, L. *l*, ligamental process; *s*, sinus. Fig. 213. Left valve; *l*, ligament pit. Fig. 212. Muscular system, from a drawing communicated by A. Hancock, Esq. *f*, the foot; *pl*, the plug. The muscle *p* is generally described as a portion of the *adductor*; but it is certain, from a comparison of this shell with *Carolia* and *Placuna*, that *a'* represents the entire adductor, and *p* the byssal muscle.

impression. The *Unionidae* have two additional retractors of the foot, attached laterally behind the anterior adductors; in *Leda*, *Solenella*, and a few others, this lateral attachment forms a line extending from the anterior adductor backwards into the umbonal region of the shell. (See Pl. XVII., Figs. 21, 22.)

In those shellfish like *Pinna* and the mussel, which are permanently moored by a strong *byssus*, the foot (*f*) serves only to mould and fix the threads of which it is formed. The fibres of the foot-muscles pass chiefly to the byssus (*b*), and besides these two additional muscles (*pp*) are developed. In *Pinna*,

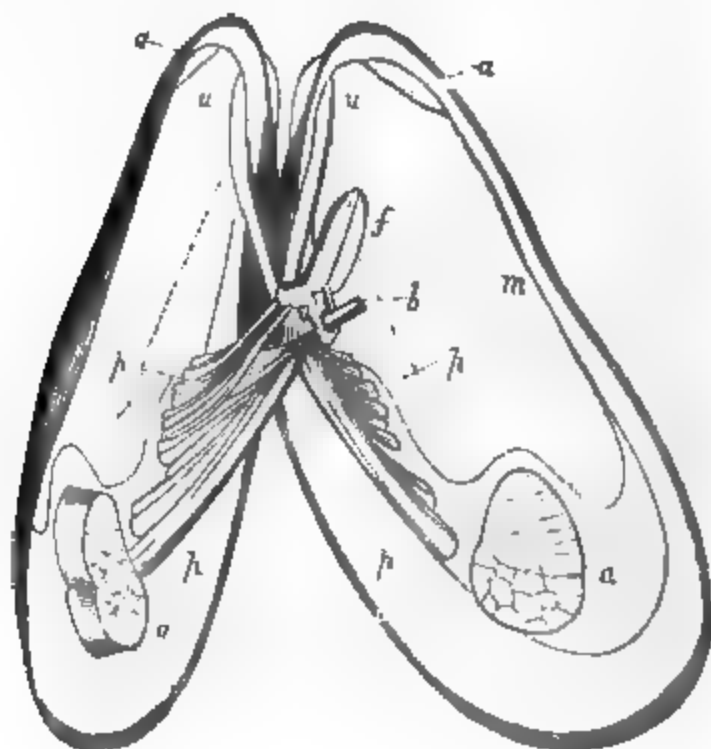


Fig. 214. Muscles of *Modiola*.\*

*Modiola*, and *Dreissena* the byssal muscles are equal to the great adductors in size.

In a few rare instances the muscles are fixed to prominent *apophyses*. The *falciform processes* of *Pholas* and *Teredo* (Pl. XXIII., Figs. 19, 26) are developed for the attachment of the foot-muscle; the posterior muscular ridge of *Dicras* and *Cardilia* resembles a lateral tooth, and in the extinct genus *Radiolites* both adductors were attached to large tooth-like processes of the opercular valve; but, as a rule, the muscles deposit

\* Fig. 214. Muscular system of *Modiola modiolus*, L., from a drawing communicated by A. Hancock, Esq. *aa*, anterior, *a'a'*, posterior adductors; *ux* and *p'p'*, pedal muscles; *pp*, byssal muscles; *f*, foot; *b*, byssus; *m*, pallial line.



less shell than the mantle, and their impressions deepen with age.

The *pallial line* (Fig. 214, *m*) is produced by the muscular fibres of the mantle-margin; it is broken up into irregular spots in the monomyary bivalves, and in *Saxicava* and *Panopæa Norvegica*.

The *siphonal impression*, or *pallial sinus* (Fig. 14, p. 20), only exists in those shells which have retractile siphons; its depth is an index to their length. The large combined siphons of *Mya* (Fig. 207) are much longer than the shell; and those of some *Tellinidæ* three or four times its length, yet they are completely retractile. The small siphons of *Cyclas* and *Dreissena* cause no inflection of the pallial line. The *form* of the sinus is characteristic of genera and species.

In the *umbonal area* (within the pallial line) there are sometimes furrows produced by the viscera, which may be distinguished from the muscular markings by absence of polish and outline. (See *Lucina*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 6.)

*Fossil bivalves* are of constant occurrence in all sedimentary rocks; they are somewhat rare in the older formations, but increase steadily in number and variety through the *secondary* and *tertiary* strata, and attain a maximum of development in existing seas.

Some families, like the *Cyprinidæ* and *Lucinidæ* are more abundant fossil than recent; whilst many genera, and one whole family (the *Hippuritidæ*), have become extinct. The determination of the affinities of fossil bivalves is often exceedingly difficult, owing to the conditions under which they occur. Sometimes they are found in pairs, filled up with hard stone; and frequently as casts, or moulds of the interior, giving no trace of the hinge, and very obscure indications of the muscular markings. Casts of single valves are more instructive, as they afford impressions of the hinge.\*

Another difficulty arises from the frequent destruction of the nacreous or lamellar portion of the fossil bivalves, whilst the cellular layers remain. The *Aviculidæ* of the chalk have entirely lost their pearly interiors; the *Spondyli*, *Chamas*, and *Radiolites* are in the same condition, their inner layers are gone and no vacancy left, the whole interior being filled with chalk. As it is the inner layer alone which forms the hinge, and alone receives the impressions of the soft parts, the true characters of

\* These impressions may be conveniently moulded with *gutta-percha*. M. Agassiz published a set of plaster-casts of the interiors of the genera of recent shells, which may be seen in the Brit. Museum. [*Memoire sur les moules des Mollusques, vivans et fossiles, par L. Agassiz, Mem. Soc. Sc. Nat. Neuchatel, t. 2.*]

the shells could not be determined from such specimens. Our knowledge of the extinct *Radiolite* is derived from natural moulds of the interior, formed before the dissolution of the inner layer of shell, or from specimens in which this layer is replaced by spar.

The necessities of geologists have compelled them to pay very minute attention to the markings in the interior of shells, to their microscopic texture, and every other available source of comparison and distinction. It must not, however, be expected that the entire structure and affinities of molluscos animals can be predicated from the examination of an internal mould or a morsel of shell, any more than that the form and habits of an extinct quadruped can be inferred from a solitary tooth or the fragment of a bone.\*

The *systematic arrangement* of the bivalves now employed is essentially that of Lamarck, modified, however, by many recent observations. The families follow each other according to *relationship*, and not according to absolute rank; the *Veneridæ* are the highest organised, and from this culminating point the stream of affinities takes two courses, one towards the *Myas*, the other in the direction of the oysters; groups analogically related to the *Tunicaries* and *Brachiopoda*.

#### SECTION A. ASIPHONIDA.

##### *a. Pallial line simple : Integro-pallialia.*

Fam. 1. Ostreidæ.	4. Arcadæ.
2. Aviculidæ.	5. Trigoniadæ.
3. Mytilidæ.	6. Unionidæ.

#### SECTION B. SIPHONIDA.

7. Chamidæ.	11. Lucinidæ.
8. Hippuritidæ.	12. Cycladidæ.
9. Tridacnidæ.	13. Cyprinidæ.
10. Cardiadæ.	

##### *b. Pallial line sinuated : Sinu-pallialia.*

14. Veneridæ.	18. Myacidæ.
15. Mactridæ.	19. Anatinidæ.
16. Tellinidæ.	20. Gastrochænidæ.
17. Solenidæ.	21. Pholadidæ.

The characters which have been most relied on for distin-

\* *Etudes Critiques sur les Mollusques Fossiles, par L. Agassiz, Neuchâtel, 1840.*

guishing these groups and the genera of bivalves are the following, stated nearly in the order of their value:—

1. Extent to which the mantle-lobes are united.
2. Number and position of muscular impressions.
3. Presence or absence of a *pallial sinus*.
4. Form of the foot.
5. Structure of the *branchiæ*.
6. Microscopic structure of the shell. (v. p. 31.)
7. Position of the *ligament*, internal or external.
8. Dentition of the hinge.
9. Equality or inequality of the valves.
10. Regularity or irregularity of form.
11. Habit;—free, burrowing or fixed.
12. Medium of respiration, fresh or salt water.

A few exceptions may be found, in which one or other of these characters does not possess its usual value.\* Such instances serve to warn us against too implicit reliance on *single characters*. Groups, to be *natural*, must be based on the consideration of all these particulars—on “the totality of the animal organisation.” (Owen.)

#### SECTION A. —ASIPHONIDA.

*Animal* unprovided with respiratory siphons; mantle-lobes free, or united at only one point which divides the branchial from the exhalent chamber (*cloaca*); pallial impression simple.

*Shell* usually pearly or sub-nacreous inside; cellular externally; pallial line simple or obsolete.

\* 1. *Cardita* and *Crassatella* (Fam. 13) have the mantle more open, whilst in *Iridina* (6), and especially in *Dreissena* (3) it is more closed than in the most nearly allied genera.

2. *Mulleria* (6) and *Tridacna* (9) are monomyary.

3. *Leda* (4) and *Adacna* (10) have a pallial sinus; *Anapa* (16) has none.

4. The form of the foot is usually characteristic of the families; but sometimes it is adaptively modified.

5. *Diplodonta* (11) has four gills.

6. Pearly structure is variable even in species of the same genus.

7. *Crassatella* (13) and *Semele* (16) have an internal ligament; in *Solenella* and *Isoarca* (4) it is external.

8. *Anodon* (16), *Adacna*, *Serripes* (10), and *Cryptodon* (11) are edentulous.

9. *Corbula* (18) and *Pandora* (19) are more inequivalve than their allies; *Chama arcinella* (7) is equivalve.

10. *Hinnites* (1), *Ætheria* (6), *Myochuma* and *Chamostrea* (19) are irregular.

11. *Pecten* is free, byssiferous, or fixed: *Arca* free or byssiferous. This character varies with *age* and *locality* in the same species. It does not always depend on the form of the foot, as *Lithodomus* and *Ungulina*—boring shells—have the foot like *Mytilus* and *Lucina*.

12. *Novaculina* is a river *Solen*, and *Scaphula* a fresh-water *Arca*.

## FAMILY I.—OSTREIDÆ.

*Shell* inequivalve, slightly inequilateral, free or adherent, resting on one valve; beaks central, straight; ligament internal; epidermis thin; adductor impression single, behind the centre; pallial line obscure; hinge usually edentulous.

*Animal* marine; mantle quite open; very slightly adherent to the edge of the shell; foot small and byssiferous, or obsolete; gills crescent-shaped, 2 on each side; adductor muscle composed of two elements, but representing only the *posterior* shell-muscle of other bivalves.

The union of the *Ostreidæ* and *Pectinidæ*, as proposed by the authors of the "History of British Mollusca," has not proved satisfactory. The genus *Ostrea* stands quite alone, and distinct from all the *Pectinidæ* in the structure of its gills, which are like those of *Avicula*, and by resting on its *left* valve. The shell also is more nacreous than that of the scallops

## OSTREA, L.—OYSTER.

*Synonyms*, Amphidonta and Pycnodonta, Fischer. Peloris, Poli.

*Type*, *O. edulis*, L.

*Example*, *O. diluviana*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 1.

*Shell* irregular, attached by the left valve; upper valve flat or concave, often plain; lower convex, often plaited or foliaceous, and with a prominent beak; ligamental cavity triangular or elongated; hinge toothless; structure sub-nacreous, laminated, with prismatic cellular substance between the margins of the laminæ.

*Animal* with the mantle-margin double, finely fringed; gills nearly equal, united posteriorly to each other and the mantle-lobes, forming a complete branchial chamber; lips plain; palpi triangular, attached; sexes distinct.\*

*Distribution*, 70 species. Tropical and temperate seas. Norway, Black Sea, &c.

*Fossil*, 200 species. Carb. —. United States, Europe, India.

The interior of recent oyster-shells has a slightly nacreous lustre; in fossil specimens an irregular cellular structure is often very apparent on decomposed or fractured surfaces. Fossil oysters which have grown upon *Ammonites*, *Trigoniæ*, &c., frequently take the form of those shells.

In the "cock's-comb" oysters both valves are plaited; *O. diluviana* sends out long root-like processes from its lower

\* The course of the alimentary canal in the common oyster is incorrectly represented by Poli, and copied in the Crochard ed. of Cuvier.

valve. The "tree-oyster" (*Dendroctrea*, Sw.) grows on the root of the mangrove. Oyster shells become very thick with age, especially in rough water; the fossil oyster of the Tagus (*O. longirostris*) attains a length of two feet. The greatest enemy of oyster-banks is a sponge (*Cliona*), which eats into the valves, both of dead and living shells; at first only small round holes, at irregular intervals, and often disposed in regular patterns, are visible; but ultimately the shell is completely mined and falls to pieces. Natural oyster-banks usually occur in water several fathoms deep; the oysters spawn in May and June, and the fry ("spats") are extensively collected and removed to artificial grounds, or tanks, where the water is very shallow; they are then called "natives," and do not attain their full growth in less than five or seven years, whilst the "sea-oysters" are full-grown in four years. Native oysters do not breed freely, and sometimes many die in the spawning season; they are also liable to be killed by frost. The season is from August 4 to May 12. From 20,000 to 30,000 bushels of "natives" and 100,000 bushels of sea-oysters are annually sent to the London market. Many other species of oysters are eaten in India, China, Australia, &c.

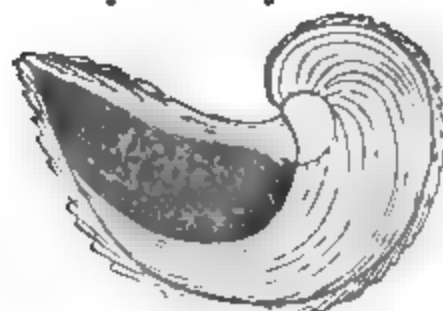


Fig 215. *Gryphæa*.

"Green oysters" are those which have fed on *conferve* in the tanks.

*Sub-genera.* *Gryphæa*, Lamarck.

*G. incurva*, Sby. (section), Fig.

215. Free, or very slightly at-

tached; left valve with a promi-

nent, incurved umbo; right valve

small, concave. *Fossil*, 30 species.

Lias — Chalk. Europe, India.

*Erogyra*, Sby. *E. conica*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 2. *Shell* chama-shaped, attached by the left valve; umbones sub-spiral, turned to the posterior side (i.e. reversed); right valve opercular. *Fossil*, 46 species. L. Oolite — Chalk. United States; Europe.

*Dimya* (Deshayesana), Rouault, 1859. Mém. Soc. Géol. b. III. 471, t. 15. Fig. 3. *L. Eocene*, Paris. The figure is most like an oyster, and the "second adductor impression," on account of which it is named *Dimya*, is rather like the small anterior scar in *Pecten* (Fig. 210).

#### ANOMIA, L.

*Etymology*, *anomios*, unequal.

*Example*, *A. Acharus*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 3.

*Synonyms*, *Fenestrella*, Bolten; *Cepa*, Humph. *Aenigma*, Koch.

*Shell* sub-orbicular, very variable, translucent, and slightly

early within, attached by a plug passing through a hole or notch in the right valve: upper valve convex, smooth, lamellar and striated; interior with a sub-marginal cartilage-pit, and four muscular impressions, 3 sub-central, and one in front of the cartilage (see Fig. 213, p. 402): lower valve concave, with a deep, rounded notch in front of the cartilage process; disk with a single (adductor) impression.

*Animal* with the mantle open, its margins with a short double fringe; lips membranous, elongated; palpi fixed, striated on both sides; gills 2 on each side, united posteriorly, the outer laminae incomplete and free; foot small, cylindrical, subsidiary to a lamellar and more or less calcified byssal plug, attached to the upper valve by three muscles; adductor muscle behind the byssal muscles, small, composed of two elements; sexes distinct; ovary extending into the substance of the lower mantle-lobe.

In *A. pernoides*, from California, there is an anterior (*pedal*) muscular impression in both valves.

“There is no relationship of *affinity* between *Anomia* and *Terebratula*, but only a resemblance through formal *analogy*; the parts which seem identical are not homologous.” (Forbes.)

The *Anomiæ* are found attached to oysters and other shells, and frequently acquire the form of the surfaces with which their growing margins are in contact. They are not edible.

*Distribution*, 20 species. North America, Britain, Black Sea, India, Australia, West America, Icy sea. Low water — 100 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 36 species. Oolite —. Chili, United States, Europe, India.

*Sub-genera*. *Placunomia* (Cumingii), Broderip. *Synonym*, Pododesmus, Phil. *P. macroschisma*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 4. Upper valve with only two muscular impressions; the pedal scar radiately striated; the byssal plug is often fixed in the lower valve, and its muscle becomes (functionally) an adductor. *Distribution*, 13 species. West Indies, Britain (*P. patelliformis*), New Zealand, California, Behring's Sea, Ochotsk. — 50 fathoms.

*Limanomia* (Grayana), Bouchard. Shell eared like *Lima*. *Fossil*, 4 species. Devonian; Boulonnais, China?

#### PLACUNA, Solander.—Window-Shell.

*Etymology*, *plakous*, a thin cake.

*Example*, *P. sella*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 5.

*Shell* suborbicular, compressed, translucent, free, resting on

the right valve; hinge area narrow and obscure; cartilage supported by two diverging ridges in the right valve and corresponding grooves in the left; muscular impressions double, the larger element round and central, the smaller distinct and crescent shaped, in front of it.

The *Placunæ* are very closely allied to *Anomia*; and many intermediate forms may be traced. The shell of each consists entirely of sub-nacreous, plicated laminae, peculiarly separable, and occasionally penetrated by minute tubuli. (Carpenter.) *P. sella*, called, from its shape, the "saddle-oyster," is remarkably striated. In *P. placenta*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 6, the anterior cartilage ridge is only half as long as the other, which appears to be connected with the economy of the shell when young; in specimens 1 inch across, there is a pedal impression below the cartilage grooves of the upper valve, and a shallow sinus in the margin of the lower valve, indicating a slight byssal attachment at that age.

*Placuna*\* is essentially like *Anomia*, having the generative system attached to the right mantle-lobe, and the ventricle exposed. The mantle-margin is cirrated, and furnished with a *curtain*, as in *Pecten*; the foot is tubular and extensile, but has no distinct muscles except the small one, whose existence in *P. placenta* (Pl. XVI., Fig. 6) we had predicated from examination of the shell.† The small muscular impressions before and in the rear of the adductor are produced by suspensors of the gills.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Scinde, North Australia, China.

*Sub-genera*. *Carolia*, Cantraine, 1835 (after Prince Charles Bonaparte). *Synonym*, *Hemiplacuna*, G. Sby. *Type*, *C. placunoides*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 7. *Shell* like *Placuna*; hinge, when young, like *Anomia*, with a byssal plug passing through a small deep sinus in front of the cartilage process, which is closed in the adult. *Distribution*, 3 species. (British Museum), Tertiary, Egypt; America?

*Placunopsis*, Morris and Lycett. *P. Jurensis*, Roemer. Sub-orbicular, upper valve convex, radiately striated, or taking the form of the surface to which it adheres; lower valve flat; ligamental groove sub-marginal, transverse; muscular impression large, sub-central. *Fossil* 4 species. Lower Oolites, Europe.

*Placenta*, Retzius. Cartilage grooves slightly divergent, the posterior one the longer of the two; muscular impression sub-central.

\* Original figures and descriptions will be found in the *An. Nat. Hist.* 1855, p. 22.

† This organ appears to represent the *byssal-sheath* of *Anomia*, rather than the foot, as there is no other opening for the passage of a byssus.

## PECTEN, O. F. Müller. Scallop.

*Etymology*, *pecten*, a comb.

*Type*, *P. maximus* (Janira, Schum.)

*Synonyms*, Argus, Poli. Discites, Schl. Amusium, Muhlfeldt.

*Shell* sub-orbicular, regular, resting on the right valve, usually ornamented with radiating ribs; beaks approximate, eared; anterior ears most prominent; posterior side a little oblique; right valve most convex, with a notch below the front ear; hinge-margins straight, united by a narrow ligament; cartilage internal, in a central pit; adductor impression double, obscure; pedal impression only in the left valve, or obsolete (Fig. 210).

*Animal* with the mantle quite open, its margins double, the inner pendent like a curtain (m) finely fringed; at its base a row of conspicuous round black eyes (*ocelli*) surrounded by tentacular filaments; gills (*br*) exceedingly delicate, crescent-shaped, quite disconnected posteriorly, having separate excurrent canals; lips foliaceous; palpi truncated, plain outside, striated within; foot finger-like, grooved, byssiferous in the young.

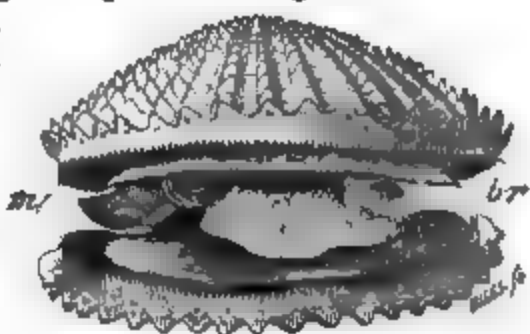


Fig. 216. *Pecten varius*.\*

The Scallop (*P. maximus*) and "quin" (*P. opercularis*) are esteemed delicacies; the latter covers extensive banks, especially on the north and west of Ireland, in 15 to 25 fathoms water. The scallop ranges from 3—40 fathoms; its body is bright orange, or scarlet, the mantle fawn-colour, marbled with brown; the shell is used for "scalloping" oysters, formerly it was employed as a drinking-cup, and celebrated as such in Ossian's "hall of shells." An allied species has received the name of "St. James's shell" (*P. Jacobæus*); it was worn by pilgrims to the Holy Land, and became the badge of several orders of knighthood.†

Most of the *Pectens* spin a byssus when young, and some, like *P. varius*, do so habitually; *P. niveus* moors itself to the fronds of the tangle (*Laminaria*).

\* The *Pectens* do not open so wide as here represented; their "curtains" remain in contact at one point on the posterior side, separating the branchial from the exhalant currents.

† When the monks of the ninth century converted the fisherman of Genesareth into a Spanish warrior, they assigned him the scallop-shell for his "cognizance." (Moule's "Herakery of Fish.")



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aight, gaping, posterior rounded, usually close; umbones art, eared; valves smooth, punctate-striate, or radiately obbed and imbricated; hinge area triangular, cartilage pit ventral; adductor impression lateral, large, double; pedal scars 2, small.

*Animal*, mantle-margins separate, inner pendent, fringed with long tentacular filaments, ocelli inconspicuous; foot finger-like, grooved; lips with tentacular filaments, palpi small, striated inside; gills equal on each side, distinct.

The shell is always white; its outer layer consists of coarsely-plicated membranous lamellæ; the inner layer is perforated by minute tubuli, forming a complete network. (Carpenter.)

The Limas are either free or spin a byssus; some make an artificial burrow when adult, by spinning together sand or coral-fragments and shells, but the habit is not constant. (Forbes.) The burrows of *L. hians* are several times longer than the shell, and closed at each end. (Charlesworth.) "This species is pale or deep crimson, with an orange mantle; when taken out of its nest it is one of the most beautiful marine animals to look upon, it swims with great vigour, like the scallop, by opening and closing its valves, so that it is impelled onwards or upwards in a succession of jumps. The filaments of the fringe are easily broken off, and seem to live many hours after they are detached, twisting themselves like worms." (Landsborough.) *L. spinosa* has conspicuous ocelli, and short filaments.

*Sub-genera*, *Limatula*, S. Wood. *L. sub-auriculata*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 13. Valves equilateral; 8 species. Greenland—Britain. *Fossil*, Miocene—. Europe.

*Limæa*, Bronn. *L. strigilata*, Pl. XVI. Fig. 14.\* Hinge minutely toothed.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Lias—Pliocene. The recent *Limæa*? *Sarsii* (Lovén), Norway (= *L. crassa* of the Ægean?) has the mantle-border plain. Some of the larger recent species have obscure lateral teeth.

*Distribution*, 20 species. Norway, Britain, West Indies, Canaries, India, Australia; 1—150 fathoms. The largest living species (*L. excavata*, Chemn.) is found on the coast of Norway.

*Fossil*, 200 species. Carb.? Trias—. United States, Europe, India. The so-called *Plagiostoma spinosum* is a *Spondylus*.

### SPONDYLUS (Pliny) L. Thorny-oyster.

*Type*, *S. gædaropus*, L.

*Example*, *S. princeps*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 15

\* After Bronn; the figure in Brocchi does not show the teeth.

*Synonyms*, Dianchora, Sby. Podopsis, Lam. Pachytes, Defr.

*Shell* irregular, attached by the right valve, radiately ribbed, spiny or foliaceous; umbones remote, eared; lower valve with a triangular hinge-area, cartilage in a central groove, nearly or quite covered; hinge of two curved interlocking teeth in each valve; adductor impression double.

*Animal*, with the mantle open and gills separate, as in *Pecten*; lips foliaceous, palpi short; foot small, cylindrical, truncated.

In aged specimens the circular portion of the muscular scar exhibits dendritic vascular markings. The lower valve is always most spiny and least coloured; in some species (like *S. imperialis*) the shell is scarcely, if at all, attached by its beak or spines. The inner shell-layer is very distinct from the outer, and always wanting in fossil specimens from calcareous rocks, then called *Dianchoræ*. Specimens from the Miocene of St. Domingo, which have lost this layer, contain a loose mould of the original interior. Water-cavities are common in the inner layer, the border of the mantle having deposited shell more rapidly than the umbonal portion. (Owen, Mag. Nat. Hist. 1838, p. 409.)

*Distribution*, 68 species. West Indies, Canaries, Mediterranean, India, Torres Straits, Pacific, West America:—105 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 80 species. Carb—. Europe, United States, India.

*Sub-genus*, *Pedum*, Brug. *P. spondyloides*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 16. *Shell* thin, smooth, compressed, attached by a byssus passing through a deep notch in the right valve. Inhabits coral-reefs, where it is found half-embedded; Red Sea, Indian Ocean, Mauritius, Chinese Seas.

### PLICATULA, Lamarck.

*Etymology*, *plicatus*, plaited.

*Type*, *P. cristata*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 17

*Shell* irregular, attached by the umbo of the right valve; valve smooth or plaited; hinge-area obscure; cartilage quite internal; hinge-teeth, two in each valve; adductor scar simple.

*Animal* resembles *spondylus*.

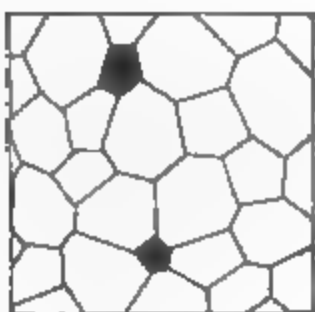
*Distribution*, 9 species. West Indies, India, Philippines, Australia, West America.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Trias—. United States, Europe, Algeria, India.

*P. Mantelli* (Lea) Alabama, has the valves eared.

## FAMILY II.—AVICULIDÆ. Wing-shells.

inequivalve, very oblique, resting on the smaller (right) and attached by a byssus; epidermis indistinct: outer rismatic-cellular (Fig. 217), in-  
 acreous; posterior muscular im-  
 large, sub-central; anterior small,  
 he umbo; pallial line, irregularly  
 hinge-line straight, elongated;  
 e anterior, eared, the posterior  
 g-like; cartilage contained in one  
 al grooves; hinge edentulous, or  
 ly toothed.

Fig. 217. *Pinna*.\*

al with the mantle-lobes free,  
 argins fringed; foot small, spinning a byssus; gills two  
 side, crescent-shaped, entirely free (*Deah.*) or united to  
 er posteriorly, and to the mantle (as in the Oyster, and  
 a *Pecten*).

ring-shells, or pearl-oysters, are natives of tropical and  
 te seas; there are no living species in northern latitudes,  
 ssil forms are very numerous.

## AVICULA (Klein), Bruguiere.

ology, *avicula*, a little bird.

*A. hirundo*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 18.

obliquely oval, very inequivalve; right valve with a  
 sinus beneath the anterior ear; cartilage pit single,  
 ; hinge with one or two small cardinal teeth, and an  
 ed posterior tooth, often obsolete; posterior muscular

*Distribution*, 25 species. Mexico, South Britain, Mediterranean, India, Pacific :—20 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 300 species. Lower Silurian —. World-wide.

*Sub-genera* *Maleagrina*, Lam. *Margaritophora*, Muhlfeldt. *M. margaritifera*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 19. The “pearl-oysters” are less oblique than the other *aviculæ*, and their valves are flatter and nearly equal; the posterior pedāl impression is blended with that of the great adductor. They are found at Madagascar, Ceylon, Swan River, Panama, &c. Manilla is the chief port to which they are taken. There are three principal kinds, which are worth from £2 to £4 per cwt. :—1. The silver-lipped, from the Society Islands, of which about twenty tons are annually imported to Liverpool. 2. The black-lipped, from Manilla, of which thirty tons were imported in 1851. 3. A smaller sort from Panama, 200 tons of which are annually imported; in 1851 a single vessel brought 340 tons. (T. C. Archer.) These shells afford the “mother-o’-pearl” used for ornamental purposes; and the “oriental” pearls of commerce (p. 30, 31). Mr. Hope’s pearl, said to be the largest known, measures 2 inches long, 4 round, and weighs 1,800 grains. Pearl-oysters are found in about 12 fathom water; the fisheries of the Persian Gulf and Ceylon have been celebrated from the time of Pliny.

*Malleus*, Lam. *M. vulgaris*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 20. The “hammer-oyster” is remarkable for its form, which becomes extremely elongated with age; both ears are long, and the umbones central. When young it is like an ordinary *Avicula*, with a deep byssal notch in the right valve. 6 species. China, Australia.

*Vulsella*, Lam. *V. lingulata*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 21. *Synonym*, *Reniella*, Sw. Shell, oblong, striated, sub-equivalve; umbones straight, earless. Often found imbedded in living sponges.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Red Sea, India, Australia, Tasmania.

*Fossil*, 7 species. U. Chalk —. Britain, France.

*Pteroperna*, Lycett, 1852. *P. costatula*, Desl. Shell with a long posterior wing; hinge-line bordered by a groove; anterior teeth numerous, minute; posterior one or two, long, nearly parallel with the hinge-margin. *Fossil*, 3 species. Bath oolite; Britain, France.

? *Aucella* (Pallasii), 1846. Very inequivalve; left umbo prominent, earless; right valve small and flat, with a deep sinus beneath the small anterior ear. *Fossil*, 4 species, Permian — Gault. Europe. “In *A. cygnipes* we find no trace of prismatic cellular structure or nacre, but the coarsely corrugated and somewhat tubular structure of the *Pectens*.” (Carpenter.)

*ychia* (*bellistriata*), Hall, 1847. Nearly equivalve, oblique, obtusely winged. *A. vetusta* (Inoceramus, concentrically furrowed; the right valve has a small ear (usually concealed) separated by a deep and narrow *Fossil*, 12 species. Lower Silurian — Carb. United Europe.

*rdiola* (*interrupta*), Broderip, 1844. Equivalve, gibbose, ely oval, radiately ribbed; beaks prominent; hinge-area and flat. *Fossil*, 17 species. Upper Silurian — Dev. l States, Europe.

*rydesma* (*cordata*), Morris; Devonian? New South Wales. equivalve, sub-orbicular, ventricose, very thick near the ; ligimental area long, wide, sub-internal; byssal groove to the umbo; right valve with a large, blunt hinge-tooth; tor impression single, placed anteriorly; pallial line dotted.

*inea* (*lævis*), Goldf. 1832. *Shell* thick, rather inequivalve, oblique and broadly winged; beaks anterior; sinus shallow; -area long, straight, narrow, striated lengthwise; ante-eeth few, radiating; posterior teeth laminar, elongated; or (pedal) scar deep, posterior (adductor) impression large, eccentric. *Fossil*, 32 species. Lower Silurian — Carb. d States, Europe, Australia. *Pteronites* (*angustatus*) y, 1844, is thinner and has the teeth, &c., less developed. *otis*, Bronn, 1830. *M. Salinaria*, Schl. *Trias*, Hallein. uely oval, compressed, radiated; anterior side short, ed; posterior slightly eared.

*onym*, ? *Halobia* (*salinarum*) Br. 1830. *Trias*, Hallstadt. oval, radiated, compressed, with a shallow sinus in front; -line long and straight.

#### POSIDONOMYA, Bronn.

*onym*, *Posidonia*, Br. 1838 (not König). *Poseidôn*, Neptune. *pe*, P. Becheri, Pl. XVI., Fig. 22.

*ll* thin, equivalve, compressed, earless, concentrically wed; hinge-line short and straight, edentulous. *ssil*, 50 species. Lower Silurian — Trias. United States, *pe*.

#### ? AVICULO-PECTEN, M'Coy, 1852.

*e*, *Pecten granosus*, Sby. Min. Con. t. 574.

*Z* inequivalve, sub-orbicular, eared; hinge-areas flat, with l long, narrow cartilage furrows, slightly oblique on each the umbones; right valve with a deep and narrow byssal beneath the anterior ear; adductor impression large,

simple, sub-central; pedal scar small and deep, beneath the umbo.

*Fossil* (see *Pecten*). Lower Silurian — Carb. Spitzbergen — Australia.

### GERVILLIA, Defrance.

*Etymology*, dedicated to M. Gerville, a French naturalist.

*Example*, *G. anceps*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 1.

*Shell* like *Avicula*; elongated; anterior ear small, posterior wing-like; area long and flat, cartilage pits several, wide apart; hinge-teeth obscure, diverging posteriorly.

*Fossil*, 37 species. Carb. — Chalk. Europe.

*Sub-genus?* *Bakewellia*, King. *B. ceratophaga*, Schl. *Fossil*, 5 species. Permian, Britain, Germany, Russia. *Shell* small, inequivalve, cartilage pits 2—5; hinge with anterior and posterior teeth; anterior muscular impression and pallial line distinct.

### PERNA, Bruguiere.

*Etymology*, *perna*, a shell-fish (resembling a *gammon*), Pliny.

*Synonyms*, *Melina*, Retz. *Isognomon*, Klein. *Pedalion*, Solander.

*Type*, *P. ephippium*, L. Pl. XVII., Fig. 2.

*Shell* nearly equivalve, compressed, sub-quadrate; area wide, cartilage pits numerous, elongated, close-set; right valve with a byssal sinus; muscular impression double.

The *Pernas* vary in form like the *Aviculæ*; some are very oblique, some very inequivalve, and many fossil species have the posterior side produced and wing-like. In some Tertiary *Pernas* the pearly layer is an inch thick.

*Distribution*, 18 species. Tropical seas; West Indies — India — West America.

*Fossil*, 30 species. Trias —. United States, Chili, Europe.

*Sub-genera*, *Crenatula*, Lamk. *C. viridis*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 24. *Shell* thin, oblong, compressed; byssal sinus obsolete; cartilage pits shallow, crescent-shaped. *Distribution*, 8 species, North Africa, Red Sea — China; in sponges. *Fossil*, 4 species.

*Hypotrema*, D'Orb, 1853. *H. rupellensis* (= ? *Pulvinites Adansonii*, Defrance, 1826); Coral-rag, Rochelle. *Shell* oblong, inequivalve; right valve flat or concave, with a round byssal foramen near the hinge; left valve convex, with a muscular impression near the umbo; hinge-margin broad, curved, with about twelve close-set transverse cartilage grooves.

## INOCERAMUS, Sowerby (1814).

*Etymology*, *is* (inos), fibre, *keramos*, shell.

*Example*, *I. sulcatus*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 3.

*Synonym*, *Catillus*, Brongn.

*Shell* inequivalve, ventricose, radiately or concentrically furrowed, umbones prominent; hinge-line straight, elongated; cartilage pits transverse, numerous, close-set.

This genus differs from *Perna* chiefly in form. *I. involutus* has the left valve spiral, the right opercular. *I. Cuvieri* attains the length of a yard. Large flat fragments are common both in the chalk and flints, and are often perforated by the *Cliona*. Hemispherical pearls have been found developed from their inner surface, and spherical pearls of the same prismatic-cellular structure occur detached, in the chalk. (Wetherell.) The *Inocerami* of the gault are nacreous.

*Fossil*, 75 species. ? Silurian — Chalk. South America, United States, Europe, Algeria, Thibet.

## PINNA, L.

*Etymology*, *pinna*, a fin or wing.

*Type*, *P. squamosa*, Pl. XVI., Fig. 23.

*Shell* equivalve, wedge-shaped; umbones quite anterior; posterior side truncated and gaping; ligamental groove linear, elongated; hinge edentulous; anterior adductor scar apical, posterior sub-central, large, ill-defined; pedal scar in front of posterior adductor.

*Animal* with the mantle doubly fringed; foot elongated, grooved, spinning a powerful byssus, attached by large triple muscles to the centre of each valve; adductors both large; palpi elongated; gills long.

*Distribution*, 30 species. United States, Britain, Mediterranean, Australia, Pacific, Panama.

*Fossil*, 60 species. Devonian —. United States, Europe, South India.

The shell of the *Pinna* attains a length of two feet; when young it is thin, brittle, and translucent, consisting almost entirely of prismatic cell-layers; the pearly lining is thin, divided, and extends less than half-way from the beak. Some fossil Pinnas crumble under the touch into their component fibres. The living species range from extreme low water to 60 fathoms; they are moored vertically, and often nearly buried in sand, with knife-like edges erect. The byssus has sometimes been mixed with silk, spun, and knitted into gloves, &c. (Brit.



known cause they are at times extremely deleterious. The consumption of mussels in Edinburgh and Leith is estimated at 400 bushels (= 400,000 mussels) annually; enormous quantities are also used for bait, especially in the deep sea fishery, for which purpose thirty or forty millions are collected yearly in the Firth of Forth alone. (Dr. Knapp.) Mussels produce small and inferior pearls. At Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, Mr. Macgillivray noticed beds of mussels which were chiefly dead, being frozen at low-water. *M. bilocularis* (Septifer, Recluz) has an umbonal shelf for the support of the anterior adductor, like *Dreissena*; it is found at Mauritius and Australia. *M. exustus* (Brachydontes, Sw.) has the hinge-margin denticulated continuously.

*Distribution*, 65 species. World-wide. Ochotsk, Behring's Sea, Russian Ice-meer; Black Sea, Cape Horn, Cape, New Zealand.

*Fossil*, 100 species. Silurian —. United States, Europe, South India.

#### ? MYALINA, Koninck, 1842.

*Types*, *M. Goldfussiana*, Kon. Carb. *M. acuminata*, Sby. Permian.

*Shell* equivalve, mytili-form; beaks nearly terminal, septiferous internally; hinge-margin thickened, flat, with several longitudinal cartilage-grooves; muscular impressions two; pallial line simple.

*Fossil*, 6 species. Carb. — Permian. Europe. The ligamental area resembles that of the recent *Arca obliquata*, Chemn. India.

#### MODIOLA, Lam. Horse-mussel.

*Etymology*, *modiolus*, a small measure, or drinking-vessel.

*Example*, *M. tulipa*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 5. *M. modiolus*, p. 403, Fig. 214.

*Shell* oblong, inflated in front; umbones anterior, obtuse; hinge toothless; pedal impressions three in each valve, the central elongated; epidermis often produced into long beard-like fringes.

*Animal* with the mantle-margin simple, protruding in the branchial region; byssus ample, fine; palpi triangular, pointed.

The *Modiolæ* are distinguished from the Mussels by their habit of burrowing, or spinning a nest. Low water—100 fathoms.

*Distribution*, 70 species, chiefly tropical; *M. modiolus*, Arctic seas — Britain.

*Fossil*, 150 species. Silurian? Lias —. United States, Europe, Thibet, South India.

*Sub-genera*. *Lithodomus*, Cuv. *M. lithophaga*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 7. *Shell* cylindrical, inflated in front, wedge-shaped behind; epidermis thick and dark; interior nacreous.\* *Distribution*, 40 species. West Indies — New Zealand. *Fossil*, 35 species. Carb. —. Europe, United States. The "date-shell" bores into corals, shells (Fig. 25, p. 34), and the hardest limestone rocks; its burrows are shaped like the shell, and do not admit of free rotatory motion. The animal, which is eaten in the Mediterranean, is like a common mussel; in *L. patagonicus* the siphons are produced. Like other burrowing shell-fish, they are luminous. Perforations of *Lithodomi* in limestone cliffs, and in the columns of the Temple of Serâpis at Puteoli, have afforded conclusive evidence of changes in the level of sea-coasts in modern times. (Lyell's "Principles of Geology.")

*Crenella*, Brown. *C. discors*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 8. (Lanistes, Sw. Modiolaria, Beck.) *Shell* short and tumid, partly smooth, and partly ornamented with radiating striæ; hinge-margin crenulated behind the ligament; interior brilliantly nacreous. *Animal* with the anal tube and branchial margins prominent. *Distribution*, 24 species. Temperate and arctic seas; Nova Zembla, Ochotsk, Britain, New Zealand. Low water — 40 fathoms. Spinning a nest, or hiding amongst the roots of seaweed and corallines. *M. marmorata*, Forbes, burrows in the test of *Ascidia*. *Fossil*, 12 species. Upper Greensand —. Europe.

*Modiolarca* (trapezina), Gray; Falkland Islands — Kerguelen, attached to floating sea-weed; mantle-lobes united, pedal opening small, foot with an expanded sole, front adductor round. *M. ? pelagica*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 6, is found burrowing in floating blubber, off the Cape. (Forbes.) 2 living species.

? *Mytilimeria* (Nuttallii), Conrad. *Shell* irregularly oval, thin, edentulous, gaping posteriorly; umbones sub-spiral; ligament short, semi-internal. *Distribution*, California; animal gregarious, forming a nest.

*Modiolopsis* (mytiloides), Hall, 1847 (= Cypricardites, part, Conrad. Lyonsia, part, D'Orb.). *Shell* like modiola, thin and smooth, front end somewhat lobed; anterior adductor scar

\* The outer shell-layer has a tubular structure; the tubes are excessively minute, seldom branching, oblique and parallel. (Carpenter.)

large and oval. *Fossil*, 15 species. Silurian, United States, Europe.

? *Orthonotus* (pholadis), Conrad. Lower Silurian, New York. *Shell* elongated, margins parallel, umbones anterior, back plaited.\*

*Myrina*, Adams. *Modiola pelagica*, has the mantle open; the shell is peculiar from the large size of the anterior muscular impression; and the subcentral umbones distinguish it from *Modiolarca*.

*Hoplomytilus* (crassus), Sdbgr. *Devonian*, Nassau. *Shell* with a muscular plate in the umbo, like *Septifer*. The *Mytilus equamosus*, Sby. Magnesian limestone, Brit., has a similar plate.

### HIPPOMYA. Salter.

*Shell* gibbous, with anterior inflated close beaks, a long cardinal edge; anterior edge short, rounded, and separated by a strong sinus from the inflated posterior ridge and slope.

*Fossil*, 1 species. *Devonian*.

### DREISSENA, Van Beneden.

*Etymology*, dedicated to Dreyssen, a Belgian physician.

*Synonyms*, *Mytilomya*, Cantr. *Congerina*, Partsch. *Tichogonia*, Rossm.

*Type*, *D. polymorpha*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 9. (*Mytilus Volgæ*, Chemn.)

*Shell* like *Mytilus*, without its pearly lining; inner layer composed of large prismatic shells; umbones terminal; valves obtusely keeled; right valve with a slight byssal sinus; anterior adductor supported on a shelf within the beak; pedal impression single, posterior.

*Animal* with the mantle closed; byssal orifice small; and siphon very small, conical, plain, branchial prominent, fringed inside; palpi small, triangular; foot-muscles short and thick, close in front of the posterior adductor.

*D. polymorpha* is a native of the Aralo-Caspian rivers; in 1824 it was observed by Mr. J. Sowerby in the Surrey docks,



Fig. 218. *Dreissena*.

\* Hall and Salter employ the name *Orthonotus* for such shells as *Solen constrictus*, Sandb. *Devonian*, Germany; *Sanguinolites anguliferus*, M'Coy, U. Silurian, Kendal; and *Solenopsis minor*, M'Coy, Carb. limestone, Ireland. M. D'Orbigny has mistaken the plaits for teeth, and placed the genus with *Nucula*. The recent *M. plicata*, Lam., from Nicobar Islands, has the same long, straight back and plaited dorsal region.

to which it appears to have been brought with foreign timber, in the holds of vessels. It has since spread into the canals, docks, and rivers of many parts of England, France, and Belgium, and has been noticed in the iron water-pipes of London, incrustated with a ferruginous deposit. (Cunnington.)

*Distribution*, 15 species. Europe, America, Africa.

*Fossil*, 13 species. Eocene—. Britain, Germany.

#### FAMILY IV.—ARCADÆ.

*Shell* regular, equivalve, with strong epidermis; hinge with a long row of similar, comb-like teeth; pallial line distinct; muscular impressions subequal. Structure corrugated, with vertical tubuli in rays between the ribs or striæ. (Carpenter.)

*Animal* with the mantle open; foot large, bent, and deeply grooved; gills very oblique, united posteriorly to a membranous septum.

#### ARCA, L.

*Etymology*, *arca*, a chest.

*Type*, A. Noë, Pl. XVII., Fig. 12.

*Synonyms*, Barbatia, Gray; Anomalocardia, Klein; Scapharca, Gray; Scaphula, Benson.

*Examples*, A. granosa, Pl. XVII., Fig. 10. A. pexata, Fig. 11. A. zebra, Fig. 13.

*Shell* equivalve or nearly so, thick, sub-quadrate, ventricose, strongly ribbed or cancellated; margins smooth or dentated, close or sinuated ventrally; hinge straight, teeth very numerous, transverse; umbones anterior, separated by a flat, lozenge-shaped ligamental area, with numerous cartilage-grooves; pallial line simple; posterior adductor impression double; pedal scars 2, the posterior elongated.

*Animal* with a long pointed foot, heeled, and deeply grooved; mantle furnished with ocelli; palpi 0; gills long, narrow, less striated externally, continuous with the lips; hearts two, each with an auricle.

The name *Bysso-arca* was chosen unfortunately by Swainson, for the *typical* species of the genus, in which the byssal orifice is sometimes very large (Pl. XVII., Fig. 13). The byssus is a horny cone, composed of numerous thin plates, occasionally becoming solid and calcareous; it can be cast off and re-formed with great rapidity. (Forbes.) The Arcas with close valves have the left valve a little larger than the right, and more ornate.

The Bysso-arks secrete themselves under stones at low water,

in crevices of rocks, and the empty burrows of boring mollusks; they are often much worn and distorted. The genus *Palaarca* probably belongs here; we have not been able to ascertain the generic characters; but they may be found in the Memoirs of the Geol. Surv., Canada, Vol. III., under the head Cyrtodonta.

*Distribution*, 140 species. World wide, most abundant in warm seas; low water—230 fathoms (*A. imbricata*, Poli). Prince-Regent Inlet (*A. glacialis*). *A. scaphula*, Benson, is found in the Ganges and its branches, from Calcutta to Humeerpoor on the Jumna, 1,000 miles from the sea. A second species has been found in the river Tenasserim, Birmah. The hinge is edentulous in the centre, and the posterior teeth are laminar and branched; the elements of the posterior muscular impression are distinct.

*Fossil*, 400 species. Lower Silurian—. United States, Europe, South India.

#### CUCULLÆA, Lamarck.

*Etymology*, *cucullus*, a cowl.

*Type*, *C. concamerata*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 14.

*Shell* sub-quadrate, ventricose; valves close, striated; hinge-teeth few and oblique, parallel with the hinge-line at each end; posterior muscular impression bounded by an elevated ridge.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Mauritius, Nicobar, China.

*Fossil*, 240 species. Lower Silurian. North America, Patagonia, Europe.

*Sub-genus*, *Macrodon*, Lycett. *M. Hirsonensis*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 15. *Shell* with a few oblique anterior teeth and one or more long laminar posterior teeth. The Ark-shells of the Palæozoic and secondary strata have their anterior teeth more or less oblique, like *Arca*, the posterior teeth parallel with the hinge-line like *Cucullæa*; their valves are close or gaping below; their umbones frequently sub-spiral; and the hinge-area is often very narrow, and in some species only the posterior moiety is visible.

*Parallelopipedum*, Klein. The outermost hinge-teeth short, and perpendicular to the hinge-line; teeth developed along the whole length of the hinge.

#### PECTUNCULUS, Lam.

*Type*, *P. pectiniformis*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 16. (*Arca pectunculus*, L.)

*Shell* orbicular, nearly equilateral, smooth or radiately striated; umbones central, divided by a striated ligamental area; hinge

with a semicircular row of transverse teeth; adductors sub-equal; pallial line simple; margins crenated inside.

*Animal* with a large crescent-shaped foot, margins of the sole undulated; mantle open, margins simple, with minute ocelli; gills equal, lips continuous with the gills.

*Distribution*, 58 species. West Indies, Britain, India, New Zealand, West America; ranging from 8 to 60, rarely 120 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 80 species. Neocomian—. United States, Europe South India.

The teeth of *Pectunculus* and *Arca* increase in number with age, by additions to each end of the hinge-line, but sometimes the central teeth are obliterated by encroachments of the ligament.

#### LIMOPSIS, Sassi, 1827.

*Type*, *L. aurita*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 17.

*Synonym*, *Trigonocœlia*, Nyst. *Pectunculina*, D'Orb.

*Shell* orbicular, convex, slightly oblique; ligamental area with a triangular cartilage-pit in the centre; hinge with 2 equal, curved series of transverse teeth.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Red Sea (Nyst.), Japan, Britain. Mr. M'Andrew has dredged *L. pygmæa*, living, on the coast of Finmark; it is a fossil of the *Pliocene* of England, Belgium, and Sicily.

*Fossil*, 36 species. Bath-oolite—. United States Europe.

#### NUCULA, Lam.

*Etymology*, diminutive of *nux*, a nut.

*Example*, *N. Cobboldiæ*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 18

*Shell* trigonal, with the umbones turned towards the short posterior side; smooth or sculptured, epidermis olive, interior pearly, margins crenulated; hinge with prominent internal cartilage-pit, and a series of sharp teeth on each side; pallial line simple.

*Animal* with the mantle open, its margins plain; foot large, deeply fissured in front, forming when expanded a disk with serrated margins; mouth and lips minute, palpi very large, rounded, strongly plaited inside and furnished with a long convoluted appendage; gills small, plume-like, united behind the foot to the branchial septum.

The *Nucula* uses its foot for burrowing, and Professor Forbes has seen it creep up the side of a glass of sea-water. The labial appendages protrude from the shell at the same time with the

foot. *N. mirabilis*, Adams, from Japan, is sculptured like the extinct *N. Cobboldiæ*.

*Distribution*, 70 species. United States, Norway, Cape, Japan, Sitka, Chili. On coarse bottoms, from 5—100 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 177 species. Lower Silurian?—Trias—. America, Europe, India.

*Sub-genera*. *Nuculina*, D'Orb.\* 1847. *N. miliaris*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 19. *Shell* minute; teeth few, in one series, with a posterior lateral tooth. *Eocene*, France. *Nucinella* (ovalis), Searles-Wood, 1850 (=Pleurodon, Wood, 1840), a minute shell from the Coralline crag of Suffolk, is described as having an external ligament.

? *Stalagmium* (margaritaceum), Conrad, 1833=Myoparo costatus, Lea. *Eocene*, Alabama. ? *S. Nystii*, Galeotti (*Nucunella*, D'Orb.). *Eocene*, Belgium. *Shell* like *Limopsis*; ligamental area narrow, wholly posterior.

#### ISOARCA, Münster, 1842.

*Type*, *I. subspirata*, M. Oxford Clay, France, Germany.

*Synonym*, *Noetia*, Gray.

*Shell* ventricose; beaks large, anterior, often sub-spiral; ligament entirely external; hinge-line curved, with two series of transverse teeth, smallest in the centre; pallial line simple.

*I. Logani* (Ctenodonta), Salter, Lower Silurian, Canada, is 3 inches long, and has the ligament preserved.

*Fossil*, 14 species. Lower Silurian—Chalk. North America. Europe.

*Sub-genera*. *Cucullella*, M'Coy. *C. antiqua*, Sby. Upper Silurian, Herefordshire. *Shell* elliptical, with a strong rib behind the anterior adductor impression.

*Lunularca*, Gray. Part anterior to the umbo toothless, with a lunule.

#### LEDA, Schumacher.

*Etymology*, *Leda*, in Greek mythology, mother of Castor and Pollux.

*Synonym*, *Lembulus* (Leach) Risso.

*Example*, *L. caudata*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 20.

*Shell* resembling *Nucula*; oblong, rounded in front, produced and pointed behind; margins even; pallial line with a small sinus; umbonal area with a linear impression joining the anterior adductor.

*Animal* furnished with two partially-united, slender, unequal,

\* *N. donaciformis*, Parreyss, from the White Nile, is a crustacean! (*Estheria*.)





(Dr. Mighels.) *Fossil*, Pliocene—. (Crag and Glacial deposits.)  
England, Belgium.

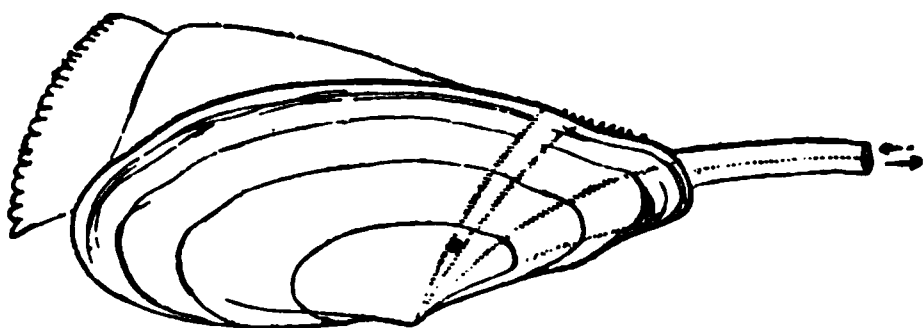


Fig. 220. *Yoldia limatula* (after Barrett).

### SOLENELLA, Sowerby.

*Type*, *S. Norrisii*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 22. *S. ornata*, Fig. 23.

*Synonyms*, *Malletia*, Desm. *Ctenoconcha*, Gray. *Neilo*, Adams.

*Shell* oval, or ark-shaped, compressed, smooth or concentrically furrowed, epidermis olive; ligament external, elongated, prominent: hinge with an anterior and posterior series of fine sharp teeth; interior sub-nacreous; pallial sinus large and deep; anterior adductor giving off a long oblique pedal line.

*Animal* like *Yoldia*; mantle-margins slightly fringed and furnished with ventral lobes; siphonal tubes united, long, and slender, completely retractile; palpi appendiculated, convoluted, as long as the shell; gills narrow, posterior; foot deeply cleft; forming an oval disk, even-margined and striated across.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Valparaiso, New Zealand (shell like *S. ornata*).

*Fossil*, 1 species. Miocene. Point Desire, Patagonia.

### ? SOLEMYA, Lamarck.

*Type*, *S. togata*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 17.

*Synonym*, *Solenomya*, Menke.

*Shell* elongated, cylindrical, gaping at each end; epidermis dark, horny, extending beyond the margins; umbones posterior; hinge edentulous; ligament concealed; pallial line obscure. Outer layer of long prismatic cells, nearly parallel with the surface, and mingled with dark cells, as in *Pinna*; inner layer also cellular.

*Animal* with the mantle lobes united behind, with a single siphonal orifice, hour-glass shape, and cirrated; foot probosciform, truncated and fringed at the end; gills forming a single plume on each side, with the laminae free to the base; palpi long and narrow, nearly free.

The shell resembles *Glycymeris* in the shortness of its posterior side, and the extraordinary development of its epidermis; the animal most resembles *Leda* in the structure of its foot and gills.

*Distribution*, 4 species. United States, Canaries, West Africa (Gaboon River), Mediterranean, Australia, New Zealand. Burrowing in mud; 2 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Carb. —. • Britain, Belgium.

#### FAMILY V.—TRIGONIIDÆ.

*Shell* equivalve, close, trigonal, with the umbones directed posteriorly; ligament external; interior nacreous; hinge-teeth few, diverging; pallial line simple.

*Animal* with the mantle open; foot long and bent; gills two on each side, recumbent; palpi simple.

##### TRIGONIA, Bruguiere (not Aublet).

*Etymology*, *Trigonos*, three-angled.

*Synonym*, *Lyriodon*, G. Sowerby.

*Example*, *T. Costata*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 24. *T. pectinata*, Fig. 221.

*Shell* thick, tuberculated, or ornamented with radiating or concentric ribs; posterior side angular; ligament small and prominent; hinge-teeth 2.3, diverging, transversely striated; centre tooth of left valve divided; pedal impressions in front of the posterior adductor, and one in the umbo of the left valve; anterior adductor impression close to the umbo.

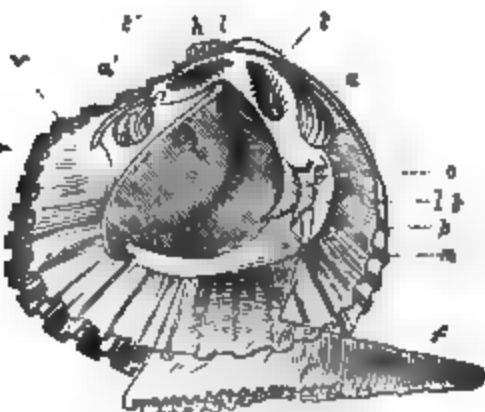


Fig. 221. *Trigonina pectinata*.\*

*Animal* with a long and pointed foot, bent sharply, heel prominent, sole bordered by two crenulated ridges; palpi small and pointed; gills ample, the outer smallest, united behind the body to each other and to the mantle.

The shell of *Trigonia* is almost entirely nacreous, and usually wanting or metamorphic in limestone strata; casts of the in-

\* Fig. 221. From a specimen in alcohol; the gills slightly curled and contracted, they should terminate near the margin, between the arrows which indicate the inhalent and exhalent currents: *a*, *a'*, adductors; *h*, *h'*, ligament; *t*, *t'*, dental sockets; *o*, mouth; *l*, *l'*, labial tentacles or palpi; *p*, pallial line; *m*, margin; *f*, foot; *v*, viscera.

terior are called "horse-heads" by the Portland quarry-men;\* they spoil the stone. Silicified casts have been found at Tisbury, in which the animal itself, with its gills, was preserved.† The species with the posterior angle of the shell elongated, have a siphonal ridge inside. The epidermal layer of the recent shell consists of nucleated cells, forming a beautiful microscopic object. A *Trigonia* placed by Mr. S. Stutchbury on the gunwale of his boat leapt overboard, clearing a ledge of four inches; they are supposed to be migratory, as dredging for them is very uncertain, though they abound in some parts of Sydney Harbour.

*Distribution*, 3 species (or varieties?), Australia.

*Fossil*, 100 species. Trias — Chalk (not known in Tertiaries). Europe, United States, Chili, Algeria, Cape, South India.

#### MYOPHORIA, Bronn, 1830.

*Type*, *M. vulgaris*, Schl.

*Synonym*, *Cryptina* (Kefersteinii), Boue.

*Shell* trigonal, umbones turned forwards; obliquely keeled; smooth or sculptured; teeth 2.3, striated obscurely, centre tooth of left valve simple, anterior of right valve prominent; mould like *Trigonia*. *M. decussata*, Pl. XVII., Fig. 25, has a lateral tooth at the dorsal angle of the left valve.

*Fossil*, 16 species. Trias: Germany, Tyrol.

#### AXINUS, Sowerby, 1821.

*Type*, *A. obscurus*, Sowerby.

*Synonym*, *Schizodus*, King (not Waterhouse).

*Shell* trigonal, rounded in front, attenuated behind; rather thin, smooth, with an obscure oblique ridge; ligament external; hinge-teeth 2.3, smooth, rather small; anterior adductor slightly impressed, removed from the hinge, with a pedal scar close to it; pallial line simple.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Upper Silurian — Muschelkalk. United States, Europe. *Mastra trigonia*, Goldf. *Isocardia axiniformis*. Ph. *Anatina attenuata* and *Dolabra securiformis*, M'Coy, probably belong to this genus. *Dolabra equilateralis*, *Amphidesma subtruncatum*, with many others from the Palæozoic rocks, may constitute a distinct genus, but their generic character has yet to be discovered.

#### CURTONOTUS. Salter.

Thickened hinge-plate, with a single strong triangular central

\* See Plott's Oxfordshire, T. vii. Fig. 1.

† In the collection of the late Miss Benett of Warminster, now in Philadelphia.

tooth on each valve. Right valve plate with an obscure tooth behind the central one. Anterior muscular scar deep; pallial impression entire.

*Fossil*, 6 species. Devonian, Britain.

### PSEUDAXINUS, Salter.

*Type*, *P. (Anodontopsis) securiformis*, M'Coy, and *P. trigonus*.

*Shell* thin, edentulous, convex with prominent umbones, and a strong posterior carinated edge; beaks anterior; no lunette.

### LYRODESMA, Conrad, 1841.

*Type*, *L. plana*, New York.

*Synonym*, *Actinodonta*, Phil.

*Shell* trigonia-shaped, rather elongated, with a striated posterior area; hinge with several (5—9) radiating teeth, striated across; ligament external.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Lower Silurian: Canada, United States, Britain.

## FAMILY VI.—UNIONIDÆ. Naïdes.

*Shell* usually regular, equivalve, closed; structure nacreous, with a very thin prismatic-cellular layer beneath the epidermis; epidermis thick and dark; ligament external, large and prominent; margins even; anterior hinge-teeth thick and striated, posterior laminar, sometimes wanting; adductor scars deeply impressed; pedal scars three, distinct, two behind the anterior adductor, one in front of the posterior.

*Animal* with the mantle-margins united between the siphonal orifices, and, rarely, in front of the branchial opening; anal orifice plain, branchial fringed; foot very large, tongue-shaped, compressed, byssiferous in the fry; gills elongated, sub-equal, united posteriorly to each other and to the mantle, but not to the body; palpi moderate, laterally attached, striated inside; lips plain. Sexes distinct.

The river mussels are found in the ponds and streams of all parts of the world. In Europe the species are few, though specimens are abundant; in North America both species and individuals abound. All the remarkable generic forms are peculiar to South America and Africa. Two of these are fixed, and irregular when adult, and have been placed with the *chamas* and oysters by the admirers of artificial systems; fortunately, however, M. D'Orbigny has ascertained that the *Mulleria*, which

is fixed and *mono-myary* when adult, is locomotive and *di-myary* when young ! \*

Like other fresh-water shells, the naïds are often extensively eroded by the carbonic acid dissolved in the water they inhabit (p. 31). † This condition of the umbones is conspicuous in the great fossil *Uniones* of the Wealden, but cannot be detected in the *Cardiniae*, and some other fossils formerly referred to this family.

The outer gills of the female unionidæ are filled with spawn in the winter and early spring ; the fry spins a delicate, ravelled byssus, and flaps its triangular valves with the posterior shell-muscle, which is largely developed, whilst the other is yet inconspicuous. The shells of the female river-mussels are rather shorter and more ventricose than the others.

### UNIO, Retz. River-mussel.

*Etymology*, *unio*, a pearl (Pliny).

*Example*, *U. litoralis*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 1.

*Shell* oval or elongated, smooth, corrugated, or spiny, becoming very solid with age ; anterior teeth 1.2, or 2.2, short, irregular ; posterior teeth 1.2, elongated, laminar.

*Animal* with the mantle-margins only united between the siphonal openings ; palpi long, pointed, laterally attached. (Fig. 209, p. 399.)

*U. plicatus* (Symphynota, Sw. Dipsas, Leach) has the valves produced into a thin, elastic dorsal wing, as in *Hyria*. ‡ In the Pearl-mussel, *U. Margaritiferus* (Margaritana, Schum. Alasmodon, Say, Baphia, Meusch.), the posterior teeth become obsolete with age. This species, which afforded the once famous British pearls, is found in the mountain streams of Britain, Lapland, and Canada : it is used for bait in the Aberdeen Cod-fishery. The Scotch pearl-fishery continued till the end of the last century, especially in the river Tay, where the mussels were collected by the peasantry before harvest time. The pearls

\* In the synopsis at p. 406, it will be seen that each of the principal groups of bivalves contains members which are fixed and irregular, and others which are byssiferous, or burrowing, or locomotive.

† Probably many of the organic acids, produced by the decay of vegetable matter, assist in the process. It has been suggested that sulphuric acid may sometimes be set free in river-water, by the decomposition of iron pyrites in the banks ; but Prof. Boye of Philadelphia, states that it has not been detected in any river of the United States where the phenomenon of erosion is most notorious.

‡ This is the species in which the Chinese produce artificial pearls by the introduction of shot, &c., between the mantle of the animal and its shell (p. 38) ; Mr. Gask in has an example containing two strings of pearls, and another in the Brit. Mus. has a number of little josses made of bell-metal, now completely coated with pearl, in its interior.

were usually found in old and deformed specimens; round pearls about the size of a pea, perfect in every respect, were worth £3 or £4. (Dr. Knapp.) An account of the Irish pearl-fishery was given by Sir R. Redding, in the Phil. Trans., 1693. The mussels were found set up in the sand of the river-beds with their open side turned from the torrent; about one in a hundred might contain a pearl, and one pearl in a hundred might be tolerably clear. (See p. 30).

*Distribution*, 420 species. North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia.

*Fossil*, 50 species. Wealden —. Europe, India.

*Sub-genera*, *Monocondylæa*, D'Orbigny. *M. Paraguayana*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 2.

*Shell* with a single large, round, obtuse cardinal tooth in each valve; no lateral teeth.

*Distribution*, 6 species. South America.

*Hyria*, Lam. H. *syrmatophora*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 3. *Synonyms*, *Pachyodon* and *Prisodon*, Schum. *Shell* Arca-shaped, hinge-line straight, with a dorsal wing on the posterior side; teeth elongated, transversely striated. *Distribution*, 4 species. S. America.

#### CASTALIA, Lamarck.

*Type*, *C. ambigua*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 4.

*Synonym*, *Tetraplodon*, Spix.

*Shell* ventricose; trigonal; umbones prominent, furrowed; hinge-teeth striated; anterior 2.1, short; posterior 1.2, elongated.

*Animal* with mantle-lobes united behind, forming two distinct siphonal orifices, the branchial cirrated.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Rivers of South America, Guiana, Brazil.

#### ANODON, Cuvier. Swan-mussel.

*Type*, *A. cygneus*, Fig. 208, p. 398.

*Etymology*, *anodontos*, edentulous.

*Shell* like *unio*, but edentulous; oval, smooth, rather thin, compressed when young, becoming ventricose with age.

*Animal* like *unio*: the outer gills of a female have been computed to contain 300,000 young shells. (Lea.) See p. 14.

*Distribution*, 100 species. North America, Europe, Siberia.

*Fossil*, 8 species. Eocene—. Europe.

M. D'Orbigny relates that he found great quantities of small Anodons (*Byss-anodonta Paraniensis*, D'Orbigny) 4 lines in length, attached by a byssus, in the River Parana, above Corrientes.

## IRIDINA, Lamarck.

*Synonyms*, *Mutela*, Scop. *Spatha*, Lea (including *Mycetopus*).  
*Leila*, Gray.

*Type*, *I. exotica*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 5.

*Etymology*, *iris*, the rainbow.

*Shell* oblong; umbones depressed; hinge-line long, straight, attenuated towards the umbones, crenated by numerous unequal teeth; ligament long and narrow.

*Animal* with mantle-lobes united posteriorly, forming two short siphons; mouth and lips small; palpi immense, oval; gills united to the body.

*Iridina ovata* (Pleiodon, Conrad) has a broader hinge-line.

*Distribution*, 9 species. Rivers of Africa, Nile, Senegal.

## MYCETOPUS, D'Orbigny.

*Etymology*, *mukes*, a mushroom, *pous*, the foot.

*Type*, *M. soleniformis*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 6.

*Shell* elongated, sub-cylindrical, gaping in front; margins sub-parallel, hinge edentulous.

*Animal* with an elongated, cylindrical foot, expanded into a disk at the end; mantle open; gills equal; palpi short.

*Distribution*, 3 species. River Parana, Corrientes; River Amazon, Bolivia.

## ÆTHERIA, Lamarck.

*Type*, *Æ. semilunata*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 7. (*Aitherios*, aërial.)

*Shell* irregular, inequivalve; attached by the umbo, and tubular processes of one of the valves, usually the left; epidermis thick, olive; interior pearly, blistered (as if with air-bubbles); hinge edentulous; ligament external, with a conspicuous area and groove in the fixed valve; two adductor impressions, the anterior very long and irregular; pallial line simple.

*Animal* with the mantle-lobes open; body large, oblong, projecting backwards; no trace of a foot; palpi large, semi-oval; gills sub-equal, plaited, united posteriorly, and to the body and mantle.

*Distribution*, 4 species. River Nile, from first cataracts to Fazool; \* River Senegal.

## MULLERIA, Férussac.

Dedicated to Otto Frid. Müller, author of the "Zoologia Danica."

*Type*, *M. lobata*, Fér., Fig. 222.

*Synonym*, *Acostæa* (Guaduasana), D'Orbigny.

\* The "fresh-water oysters" discovered by Bruce.

Shell when young free, equivalve, Anodon-shaped, with a long and prominent ligament, and two adductor impressions; *adult* irregular, inequivalve, attached by the right valve; umbones elongated, progressively filled up with shell, and forming an irregular "talon" in front of the fixed valve; epidermis thick; ligament in a marginal groove; interior pearly, muscular



Fig. 222. *Mulleria lobata*, Fér. (Original.)

impressions single, posterior. Fig. 222 represents the left, or attached valve, showing the single muscular impression, and projecting spur with the nucleus, consisting of *both* valves of the fry, united, and filled up with shell.\*

*Distribution*, River Magdalena, near Bogota, New Granada.

Mr. Isaac Lea has determined the identity of *Mulleria* and *Acosta* by examination of Férussac's type, and the suite of specimens, of different ages, in the collection of M. D'Orbigny.†

#### SECTION B.—SIPHONIDA.

*Animal* with respiratory siphons; mantle-lobes more or less united.

*a. Siphons short, pallial line simple; Integro-pallialia.*

\* M D'Orbigny very liberally placed his suite of specimens of this remarkable genus in the British Museum. Oct., 1854.

† The only specimen of *Mulleria* in England, prior to the acquisition of the D'Orbigny collection, was purchased many years ago by Mr. Thomas Norris of Bury, for £20.



## FAMILY VII.—CHAMIDÆ.

*Shell* inequivalve, thick, attached; beaks sub-spiral; ligament external; hinge-teeth 2 in one valve, 1 in the other; adductor impressions large, reticulated; pallial line simple.

*Animal* with the mantle closed; pedal and siphonal orifices small, sub-equal; foot very small; gills two on each side, very unequal, united posteriorly.

## CHAMA (Pliny), L.

*Example*, *C. macrophylla*, Pl. XVIII., Figs. 8, 9.

*Synonym*, *Arcinella*, Schum.

*Shell* attached usually by the *left* umbo; valves foliaceous, the upper smallest; hinge-tooth of free valve thick, curved, received between two teeth, in the other; adductor impressions large, oblong, the anterior encroaching on the hinge-tooth.

*Animal* with the mantle-margins united by a curtain, with two rows of tentacular filaments; siphonal orifices wide apart, branchial slightly prominent, fringed, anal with a simple valve; foot bent, or heeled; liver occupying the umbo of the attached valve only; ovary extending into both mantle-lobes, as far as

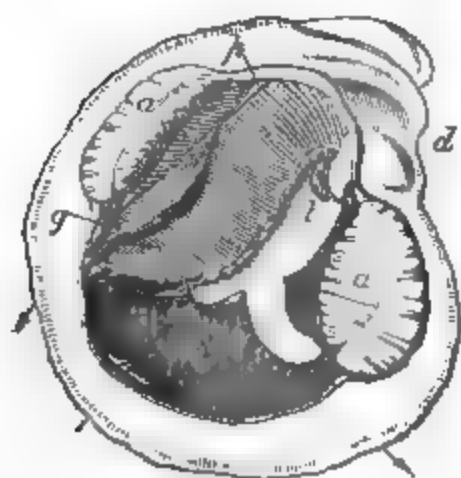


Fig. 223. Right side.

Fig. 223. Right side, with the umbonal portion of the mantle removed.

Fig. 224. Left side, showing the relative extent of the liver and ovary.

*a, a*, adductors; *m*, pallial line; *e*, excurrent orifice; *b*, branchial, *f*, foot and pedal orifice; *p*, posterior pedal muscle; *t*, palpi; *g*, gills (contracted); *l*, liver; *o*, ovary; *d*, dental lobes.

the pallial line; lips simple, palpi small and curled; gills deeply plaited, the outer pair much shorter and very narrow, furnished with a free dorsal border, and united behind to each other, and to the mantle; adductors each composed of two elements.

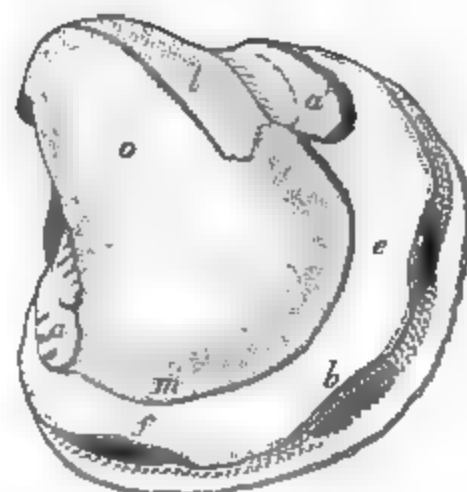


Fig. 224. Left side.

The shell of *Chama* consists of three layers; the external, coloured layer is laminated by oblique lines of growth, with corrugations at right angles to the laminæ; the foliaceous spines contain reticulated tubuli; the middle layer is opaque white, and consists of ill-defined vertical prisms or corrugated structure; the inner layer, which is translucent and membranous, is penetrated by scattered vertical tubuli; the minute processes that occupy the tubuli give to the mantle (and to the casts of the shell) a granular appearance (Fig. 224, *l, m*).

Some *Chamas* are attached indifferently by either valve; when fixed by the right valve the dentition is reversed, the left valve having the single tooth. *Chama arcinella*, which is always attached by the right umbo, has the normal dentition 1 : 2; it is nearly regular and equivalve, and has a distinct lunule.

*Distribution*, 50 species. Tropical seas, especially amongst coral reefs;—50 fathoms. West Indies, Canaries, Mediterranean, India, China.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Green-sand—. United States, Europe.

*Sub-genus?* *Monopleura*; Matheron (= *Dipilidia*, Math.). *M. imbricata*, Math. Fig. 226. Neocomian, Southern France.

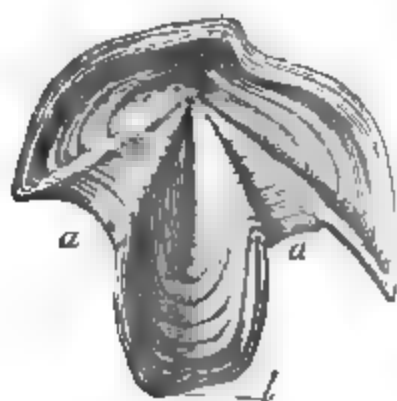


Fig. 225. *Nuculites radiolites*,  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

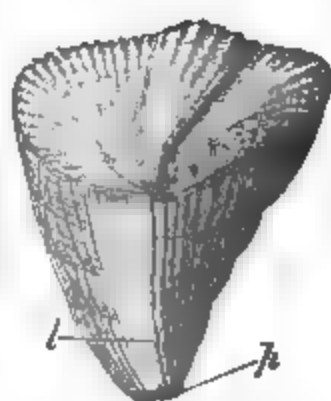


Fig. 226. *Monopleura*,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*p*, point of attachment, *l*, ligamental groove, *a, a*, corresponding areas.

*Shell* attached by the *dextral* umbo; valves alike in structure and sculpturing; fived valve straight, inversely conical, with a long, straight ligamental groove, and obscure hinge-area; opercular valve flat or convex, with an oblique, sub-marginal umbo. *Fossil*, 10 species. Neocomian—Chalk. France, Texas. They are commonly found in groups, adhering laterally, or rising one above the other; the casts of such as are known are quite simple and *chama*-like.

## DICERAS, Lamarck.

*Type*, *D. arietinum*, Pl. XVIII., Figs. 10 and 11, and Figs. 227 and 228.

*Shell* sub-equivalve, attached by either umbo; beaks very prominent, spiral, furrowed externally by ligamental grooves; hinge very thick, teeth 2:1, prominent; muscular impressions bounded by long spiral ridges, sometimes obsolete.

*Distribution*, 5 species. Middle oolite. Germany, Switzerland, France, Algeria.

*Diceras* differs from *Chama* in the great prominence of both its umbones, in having constantly two hinge-teeth in the right

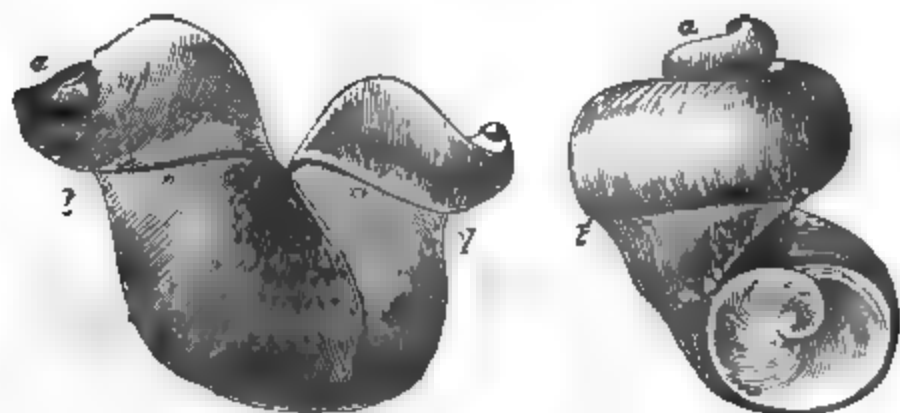


Fig. 227 *Diceras arietinum*,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Fig. 228. *Requienia ammonia*,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

a, point of attachment; l, l, ligamental grooves; t, posterior adductor inflection.

valve and one in the left, and in the prominent ridges bordering the muscular impressions. Similar ridges exist in *Cucullaea*, *Megalodon*, *Cardilia*, and the Hippurite; they produce deep spiral furrows on the casts, which are of common occurrence in the Coral-oolite of the Alps. One or both the anterior furrows (Fig. 229, t, t) are frequently obsolete. The dental pits are much deeper than the teeth which they receive, and are sub-spiral, giving rise to bifid projections (c, c) on the casts; the single tooth in the left valve consists of two elements, and the cavity (*fosses*) which receives it is divided at the bottom.

## REQUIENIA, Matheron,

Dedicated to M. Requier, author of a Catalogue of Corsican Mollusca.

*Example*, *R. Lonsdalii*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 12 and Fig. 230. *R. ammonia*, Fig. 189.

*Shell* thick, very inequivalve, attached by the left umbo; ligament external; teeth 2:1; left valve spiral, its cavity deep,

not camerated; free valve smaller, sub-spiral; posterior adductor bordered by a prominent sub-spiral ridge in each valve.

The shell structure of *Requienia* is like that of *Chama*. The relative size of the valves is subject to much variation; in *R.*

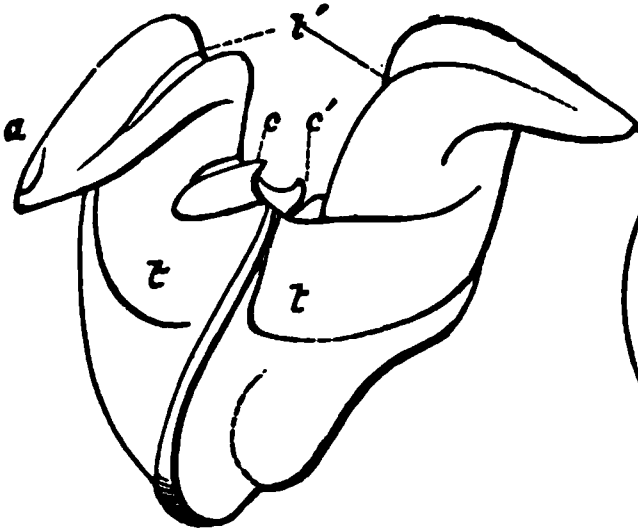


Fig. 229. *Diceras*,  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Internal casts; *a*, point of attachment; *c*, *c'*, casts of dental pits; *t*, *t'*, furrows produced by spiral ridges. (Mus. Brit.)

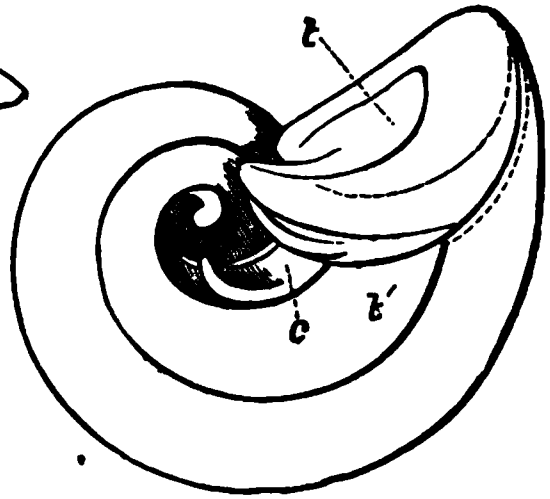


Fig. 230. *Requienia*,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Favri* (Sharpe) they are nearly equal. The hinge-teeth are like those of *Diceras*; the cavity for the posterior tooth of the right valve is very deep and sub-spiral (Fig. 230, *c'*). The internal muscular ridges are produced by duplicatures of the shell-wall, and are indicated outside by grooves (Fig. 229, *t'*). In *R. sub-æqualis* and *Toucasiana* there is a second parallel ridge, as in *Hippurites* and *Caprotina*.

*Fossil*, 7 species. Neocomian — L. Chalk. Britain, France, Spain, Algeria, Texas.

## FAMILY VIII.—HIPPURITIDÆ.

(Order *Rudistes*, Lamarck.)

*Shell* inequivalve, unsymmetrical, thick, attached by the *right* umbo; umbones frequently camerated; structure and sculpturing of valves dissimilar; ligament internal; hinge-teeth 1 : 2; adductor impressions 2, large, those of the left valve on prominent apophyses; pallial line simple, sub-marginal.

The shells of this extinct family are characteristic of the cretaceous strata, and abound in many parts of the Peninsula, the Alps, and Eastern Europe, where the equivalent of the Lower Chalk has received the name of "Hippurite limestone." They occur also in Turkey and in Egypt, and Dr. F. Roemer has found them in Texas and Guadaloupe. The structure of these *shells* has been fully described in the Quarterly Journal of the

Geological Society of London. In all the genera the shell consists of *three layers*, but the outermost, which is thin and compact, is often destroyed by the weathering of the specimens. The principal layer in the lower valve of the *Hippurite* is not really very different from the upper valve in structure; the laminæ are corrugated, leaving irregular pores, or tubes, parallel with the long axis of the shell, and often visible on the rim. The umbo of the upper valve of the *Radiolite* is marginal in the young shell. (Q. J. Geol. Soc., vol. xi. p. 40.)

They are the most problematic of all fossils; there are no recent shells which can be supposed to belong to the same family; and the condition in which they usually occur has involved them in greater obscurity.\* The characters which determine their position amongst the ordinary bivalves are the following:—

1. The shell is composed of three distinct layers.
2. They are essentially unsymmetrical, and right-and-left valved.
3. The sculpturing of the valves is dissimilar.
4. There is evidence of a large internal ligament.
5. The hinge-teeth are developed from the free valve.
6. The muscular impressions are 2 only.
7. There is a distinct pallial line.

The outer layer of shell in the *Radiolite* consists of prismatic cellular structure (Fig. 232); the prisms are perpendicular to the shell-laminæ, and often minutely subdivided. The cells appear to have been empty, like those of *Ostrea* (p. 407).† The inner layer, which forms the hinge and lines the umbones is sub-nacreous, and very rarely preserved. It is usually replaced by calcareous spar (Fig. 239), sometimes by mud or chalk, and very often it is only indicated by a vacuity between the outer shell and the internal mould (Fig. 244). The inner shell-layer

\* 1. Buch regarded them as Corals. 1840, Leonh. and Bronn Jahrb. p. 573.

2. Desmoulins, as a combination of the Tunicary and Sessile Cirripede.

3. Dr. Carpenter, as a "group intermediate between the *Conchifera* and *Cirripeda*." An. Nat. Hist. XII. 390.

4. Prof. Steenstrup, of Copenhagen, as Annelids.

5. Mr. D. Sharpe refers *Hippurites* to the Balani; *Caprinella* to the Chamaceæ.

6. La Peyrouse considered the *Hippurites* *Orthocerata*; the *Radiolites*, *Ostracea*.

7. Goldfuss and D'Orbigny place them both with the *Brachiopoda*.

8. Lamarck and Rang. between the *Brachiopoda* and *Ostracea*.

9. Cuvier and Owen, with the Lamellibranchiate bivalves.

10. Deshayes, in the same group with *Ætheria*.

11. Quenstedt, between the *Chamaceæ* and *Cardiaceæ*.

† This is very conspicuous in *Radiolites* from the chalk; a formation in which other prismatic-cellular fossils are solid.

is seldom compact, its lamellæ are extremely thin, and separated by intervals like the water-chambers of *Spondylus*; similar spaces occur in the deposit, filling the umbonal cavity of the long-beaked oysters.\*

The inner layer ceases at the pallial line, beyond which, on the rim of the shell, the cellular structure is often apparent;

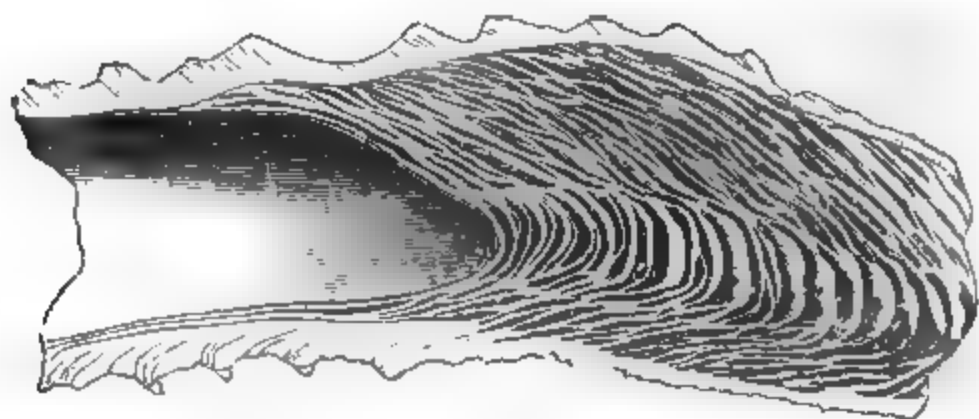


Fig. 231. Section of a fragment of *Ostrea Cornucopia*.

obscure bifurcating impressions radiate from the pallial line to the outer margin (Fig. 232, v, v).

These have been compared to the vascular impressions of



Fig. 232. Part of the rim of *Radiolites Mortoni*, Mantell.†

*Crania* (Figs. 193, 194), and constitute the only argument for supposing the *Rudistes* to have been palliobranchiate; but they

\* The water-chambers in some of the cylindrical *Hippurites* are large and regular, like those of the fossil corals *Amplexus* and *Cyathophyllum*. A section of *Hippurites bi-oculatus* passing through only one of the dental sockets, resembles an *Orthoceras* with a lateral siphuncle, whilst a *Caprinella* (Fig. 246), which has lost its outer layer, might be mistaken for an *Ammonite*.

† Traced from the original specimen in the Museum of the School of Mines. *b*, is the inner edge, *a*, the outer edge; *v*, *v*, the dichotomous impressions; the horizontal laminae are seen on the shaded side. Lower chalk; Sussex.

occur on the *rim* of the shell, and not on the disk, as in *Crania*.\* The chief peculiarity of the *Hippuritidæ* is the dissimilarity in the structure of the valves, but even this is deprived of much significance by its inconstancy.† The free valve of *Hippurites* is perforated by radiating canals which open round its inner margin, and communicate with the upper surface by numerous pores, as if to supply the interior with filtered water; possibly they were closed by the epidermis.‡

In the closely allied genus *Radiolites* there is no trace of such canals, nor in *Caprotina*. Those which exist in the upper valve of *Caprina*, and in both valves of *Caprinella*, have no communication with the outer surface of the shell; they appear to be only of the same character with the tubular ribs of *Cardium costatum* (Pl. XIX., Fig. 1), and it is highly improbable that they were permanently occupied by processes from the margin of the mantle.

The teeth of the left, or upper valve, are so prominent and straight, that its movement must have been nearly vertical, for which purpose the internal ligament appears to have been exactly suited by its position and magnitude, but it is probable that, like other bivalves, they opened to a very small extent.

#### HIPPURITES, Lamarck.

*Name*, adopted from old writers, "fossil *Hippuris*," or Horse-tail.

*Types*, *H. bi-oculatus*, Lamarck, and *H. cornu-vaccinum*, Fig. 237.

*Shell* very inequivalve, inversely conical, or elongated and cylindrical: *fixed valve* striated or smooth, with three parallel furrows (*l, m, n*) on the cardinal side, indicating duplicatures of the outer shell layer; internal margin slightly plaited; pallial line continuous; umbonal cavity moderately deep, ligamental inflection (*l*) with a small cartilage-pit on each side (*c, c*); dental sockets sub-central, divided by an obsolete tooth; anterior muscular impression (*a*) elongated, double; posterior (*a*)

\* M. D'Orbigny considers they were produced by peculiar appendages to the mantle-margin, which, in *Hippurites*, were prolonged into the canals of the upper valve.

† The lower valves of some *Spondyli* are squamous or spiny, the upper plain; those of many oysters, Pectens, and some Tellens are diversely sculptured; but in no instance is the internal structure of the two valves different. The inconstancy of the shell structure in the *Rudistes* has a parallel in *Rhynchonella* and *Terebratula* (p. 360), and in the condition of the hepatic organ in *Tritonia* and *Dendronotus*.

‡ The valves of *Crania* are perforated by branching tubuli, but in that case they pass vertically through every part of the shell, and all its layers (p. 361).

small, very deep, bounded by the second duplicature (*m*); third duplicature (*n*) projecting into the umbonal cavity: *free valve*

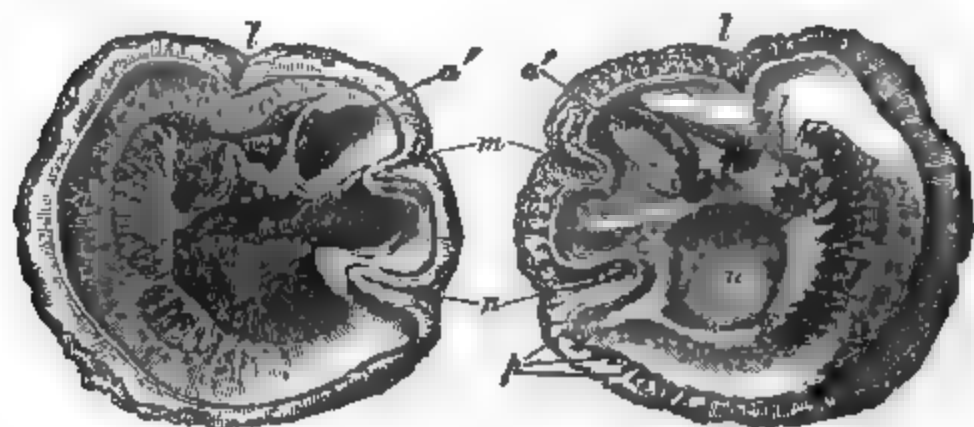


Fig. 233. Interior of lower valve,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Fig. 234. Upper valve (restored).

*Hippurites radiorus*, Deam. Lower chalk, St. Mamest, Dordogne.\*

*a, a*, adductor impressions and processes; *c, c*, cartilage pits; *z, z'*, teeth and dental sockets; *u*, umbonal cavity; *p*, orifices of canals; *l*, ligamental inflection; *m* muscular, *n* siphonal inflection.

depressed. with a central umbo, and two grooves or pits cor-

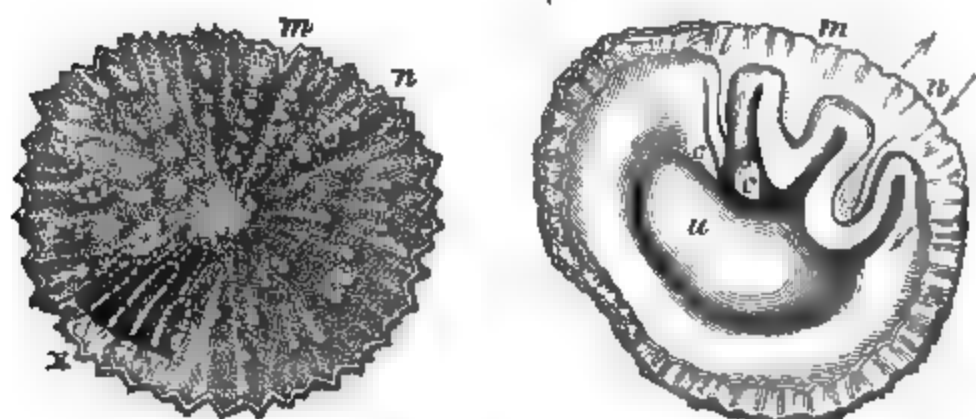


Fig. 235. *H. Toucasianus*, upper valve,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .† Fig. 236. Lower valve, with mould,  $\frac{1}{2}$

*l* ligamental, *m* muscular, *n* siphonal inflections; *x*, fracture, showing canals; *c*, cartilage; *u*, left umbo; the arrows indicate the probable direction of the branchial currents.

responding to the posterior ridges in the lower valve; surface

\* From the original in the Brit. Mus. The inner layer of shell in this species has an irregularly cellular structure, to which its preservation is due.

† This internal mould, representing the form of the animal, was obtained by removing the upper valve piecemeal with the chisel: a plaster-cast taken from it represents the interior of the upper valve, with the bases of the teeth and apophyses. See originals in Brit. Mus.



porous, the pores leading to canals in the outer shell-layer, which open round the pallial line upon the inner margin; anterior cartilage-pit deep and conical, posterior shallow; umbonal cavity turned to the front (*u*); teeth 2, straight, sub-central, the anterior largest, each supporting a crooked muscular apophysis, the first broad, the hinder prominent, tooth-like; inflexions (*m*, *n*) surrounded by deep channels.

*H. cornu-vaccinum* attains a length of more than a foot, and is curved like a cow's horn; the outer layer separates readily from the core, which is furrowed longitudinally. The ligamental inflexion (*l*) is very deep and narrow, and the anterior tooth farther removed from the side than in *H. bi-oculatus* and *radiosus* (Figs. 233, 234); the posterior apophysis (*a'*) does not nearly fill the corresponding cavity in the lower valve. In *H. bi-oculatus* and some other species there is no ligamental ridge inside; these, when they have lost their inner layer, present a cylindrical cavity with two parallel ridges, extending down one side. The third inflexion (*n*) is possibly a siphonal fold, such as exists in the tube of *Teredo*, and sometimes in the valves of *Pholas*, *Clavagella*, and the caudate species of *Trigonia*.

The development of processes from the upper valve, for the

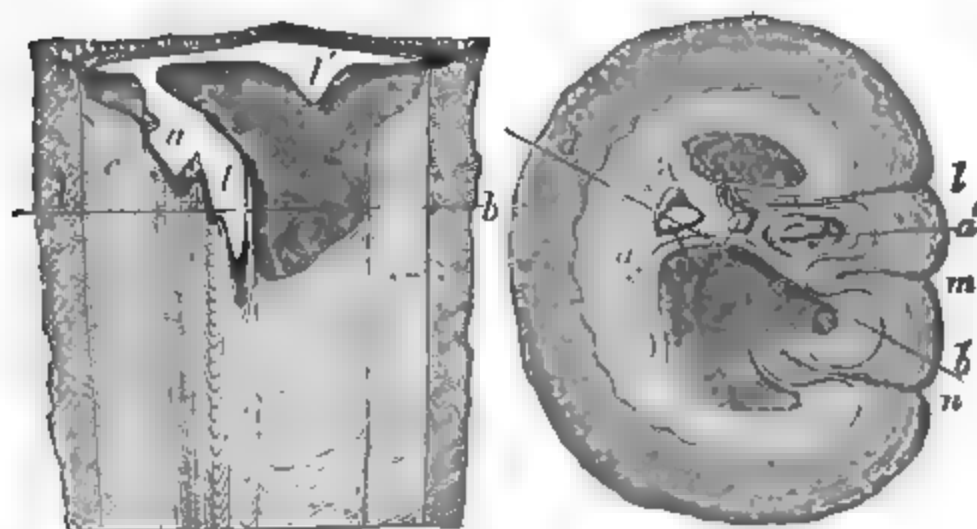


Fig. 237. Longitudinal section; upper half,  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Fig. 238. Transverse section,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Hippurites cornu-vaccinum*, Bronn. Salzburg.

*l*, *m*, *n*, duplicatures; *u*, umbonal cavity of left valve; *r*, of right valve; *c*, *c'*, cartilage-pits; *t*, *t'*, teeth; *a*, *a'*, muscular apophyses; *d*, outer shell-layer. Fig. 237 is taken in the line *d b* of Fig. 238, cutting only the base of the posterior tooth (*t'*). Fig. 238 is from a larger specimen, at about the level *d b* of Fig. 237, cutting the point of the posterior apophysis (*a'*), and showing the peculiar shell-texture deposited by the anterior adductor (*a*).

attachment of the adductor muscles harmonises with the other peculiarities of the Hippurite. The equal growth of the margins

of the valves produces central umbones, and necessitates an internal cartilage; this again causes the removal of the teeth and adductors farther from the hinge-margin, to a position in which the muscles must have been unusually long, unless supported in the manner described. Supposing the animal to have had a small foot, like *Chama*, the mantle-opening for that organ would have been completely obstructed by the adductor, but that the muscular support was hook-shaped (Fig. 239, *a*). The posterior adductor-process is similarly under-cut for the passage of the rectum, which in all bivalves emerges between the hinge

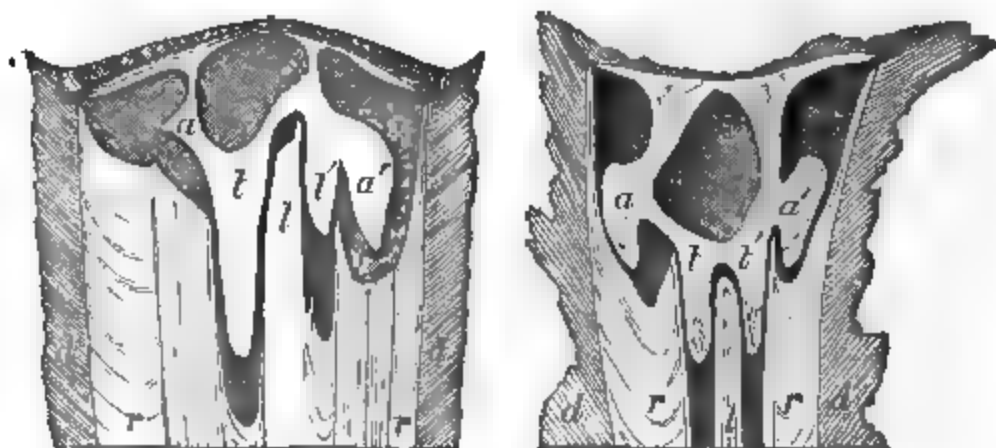


Fig. 239. *Hippurites cornu-vaccinum*. Fig. 240. *Radiolites cylindraceus*, ♀.

Longitudinal sections taken through the teeth (*t*, *t'*) and apophyses (*a*, *a'*).

*d* outer, *r* inner shell-layer; *t*, dental plate of lower valve; *a*, umbonal cavity of upper valve; *i*, intestinal channel. Originals in Brit. Mus.

and posterior adductor, winds round outside that muscle, and terminates in the line of the exhalent current. There is a groove (sometimes an inch deep) round the second and third duplicatures in the upper valve, which seems intended to facilitate the passage of the alimentary canal, and the flow of water from the gills into the exhalent channel. The smallness of the space for the branchiæ may have been compensated by deep plication of those organs, as in *Chama* and *Tridacna*.

*Fossil*, 30 species. Chalk. Bohemia, Tyrol, France, Spain, Turkey, Syria, Algeria, Egypt.

#### RADIOLITES, Lamarck, 1801.

*Etymology*, *radius*, a ray.

*Synonym*, *Sphærulites*, De la Metherie, 1805.

*Shell* inversely conical, bi-conic, or cylindrical; valves dissimilar in structure; internal margins smooth or finely striated, simple, continuous; ligamental inflection very narrow, dividing

the deep and rugose cartilage pits: *lower valve* with a thick outer layer, often foliaceous; its cavity deep and straight, with two



Fig. 241. Interior of lower valve.

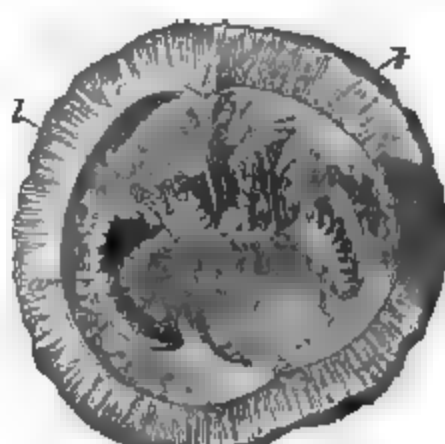


Fig. 242. Interior of upper valve.

*Radiolites mamillaris*, Math. †. L. Chalk. S. Mamest, Dordogne.

l, ligamental inflection; m, pallial line; c, c, cartilage pits; a, a, adductor impressions and processes; t, teeth and dental sockets.

dental sockets and lateral muscular impressions; *upper valve* flat or conical, with a central umbo; outer layer thin, radiated;

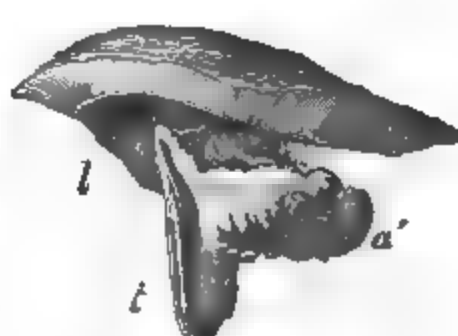
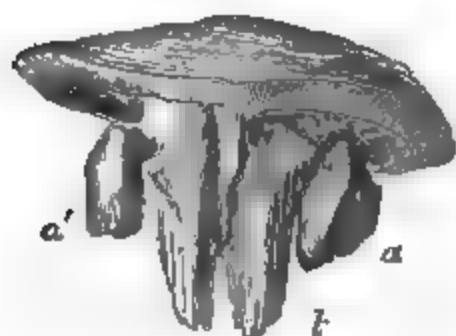


Fig. 243. Side views of the upper valve of *R. mamillaris*; l, ligamental inflection; t, teeth; a, a', muscular processes.

umbonal cavity inclined towards the ligament; teeth angular, striated, supporting curved and sub-equal muscular processes.

The upper valve of *R. fleurbaeui* has an oblique umbo, with a distinct ligamental groove. The foliations of the lower valve are frequently undulated; they are sometimes as thin as paper, and several inches wide.

The umbonal cavity of the lower valve is partitioned off by very delicate funnel-shaped laminae. Specimens frequently occur in which the outer shell layer is preserved, whilst the inner is wanting, and the mould ("birostrites") remains loose in the centre. The interior of the outer shell layer is deeply

grooved with lines of growth, and exhibits a distinct ligamental ridge in each valve.

In aged examples of *R. calceoloides* the ligamental inflection is concealed, the cartilage pits partially filled up and smoothed,

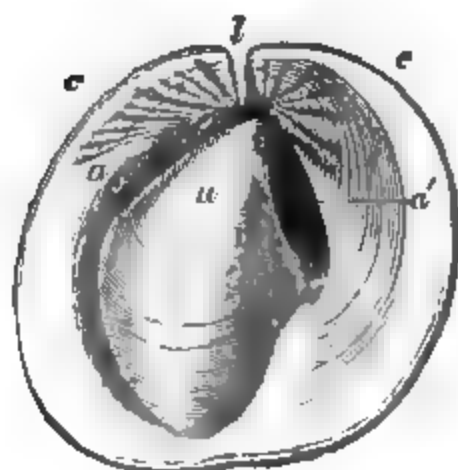


Fig. 244. Upper view.

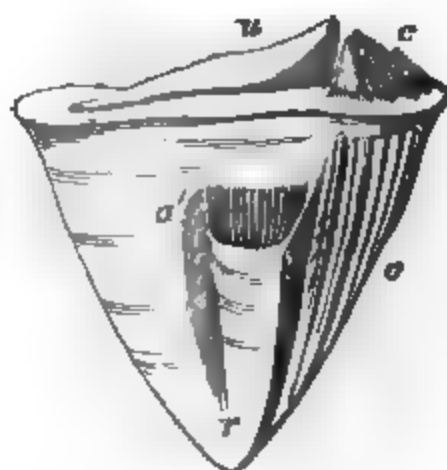


Fig. 245. Side view.

Internal mould of *R. Heminghausii*, Desm.,  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chalk.

u, umbo of left valve; v, right umbo; l, ligamental groove; c, c, cartilage; a, anterior adductor muscle; a', posterior.

and the teeth and apophyses so firmly wedged into their respective cavities, as to suggest the notion that the valves had become fixed about a quarter of an inch apart, and ceased to open and close at the will of the animal.

*Fossil*, 42 species. Neocomian—Chalk. Texas; Britain, France, Bohemia, Saxony, Portugal, Algeria, Egypt.

*Sub-genus?* *Bi-radiolites*, D'Orbigny. *R. canaliculatus* (Fig. 225, upper valve). Ligamental groove visible in one or both valves, sometimes occupying the crest of a ridge, and bordered by two similar areas (a, a). *Fossil*, 5 species. Chalk, France.

### CAPRINELLA, D'Orbigny.

*Type*, *C. triangularis*, Desm. (Fig. 246).

*Synonym*, *Caprinula* (Boissii), D'Orbigny.

*Shell* fixed by the apex of the right valve, or free; composed of a thick layer of open tubes, with a thin compact superficial lamina; cartilage internal, contained in several deep pits; umbones more or less cambered; right valve conical or elongated, with a ligamental furrow on its convex side, and furnished with one strong hinge-tooth supported by an oblique plate; left

valve oblique or spiral, with two hinge teeth, the anterior

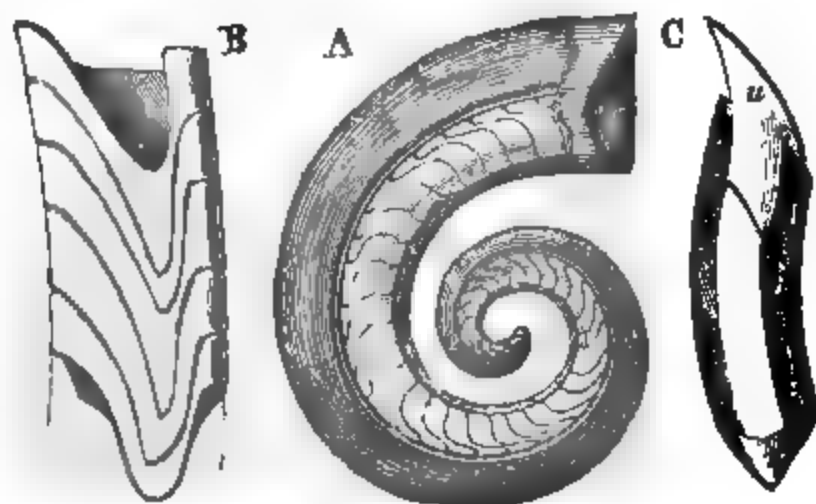


Fig. 246. *Caprinella triangularis*, Desm. U. Greensand, Rochelle,  $\frac{7}{8}$ .

A, portion of the left valve, after D'Orbigny,\* the shell-wall is removed by weathering, exposing the camerated interior. B, mould of five of the water-chambers. C, mould of the body chamber; u, umbo of right valve; s, of left valve; t, dental groove; a, surface from which the posterior lobe has been detached. From the originals in the Brit. Mus., presented by S. P. Pratt, Esq.

supported by a plate which divides the umbonal cavity lengthwise.

In *C. triangularis* the umbonal cavity of the spiral valve is

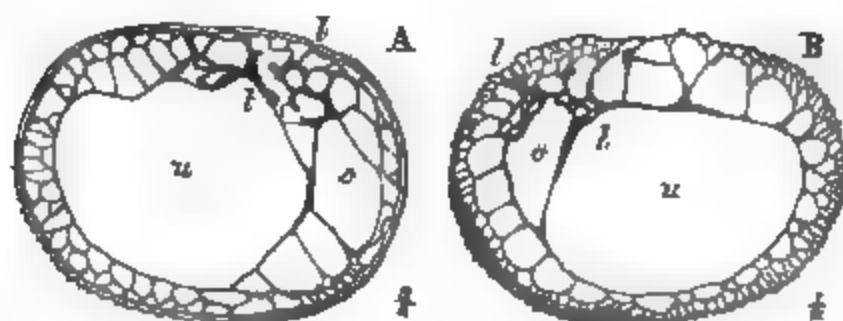


Fig. 247. Straight valve.

Fig. 248. Spiral valve.

Transverse sections of *C. Foussis*, L. Chalk, Lisbon (Mr. Sharpe).

l, position of ligamental inflection; t, teeth; c, cartilage pits; u, umbonal cavity.

Fig. 248 is from a weathered specimen, which has lost the outer layer. The tubes of the shell-wall are filled with limestone containing small shells.

partitioned off at regular intervals (Fig. 246, A); the length of the water chambers is sometimes  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and of the body-

\* In M. D'Orbigny's figure the smaller valve has been added from another specimen, and is turned towards the spire of the large valve, (Pal. Franc. pl. 542, fig. 1). In Mr. Pratt's specimens, and those collected by Mr. Sharpe in Portugal, the umbo of the smaller valve is turned away with a sigmoid flexure. (Q. J. Geol. Soc. VI. pt. 18.)

chamber from 2 to 7 diameters; specimens measuring a yard across may be seen on the cavernous shores of the islets near Rochelle.\* (Pratt.)

*Fossil*, 6 species. Neocomian—Lower Chalk. France, Portugal, Texas.

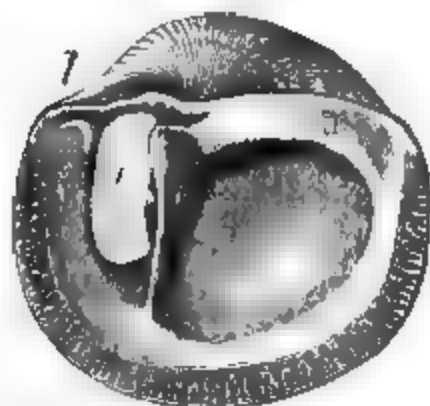


Fig. 249. *C. Aguilloni*, left valve.

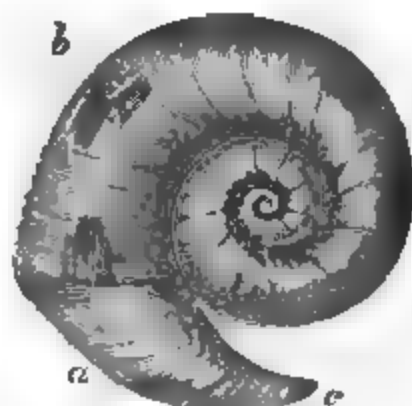


Fig. 250. *C. adversa* (after D'Orb.).

a, a, position of adductors; l, ligament; u, umbonal cavity; t, tooth of fixed valve, broken off and remaining in its socket; c, original point of attachment.

### CAPRINA, C. D'Orbigny.

*Etymology*, *caprina*, pertaining to a goat.

*Synonym*, *Plagioptychus*, Matheron.

*Type*, *C. Aguilloni*, C. D'Orbigny. Lower Chalk, Tyrol (= *C. Partschu*, Hauer).

*Shell* with dissimilar valves, cartilage internal; fixed valve conical, marked only by lines of growth and a ligamental groove; hinge-margin with several deep cartilage-pits; and one large and prominent tooth on the posterior side; free valve oblique or spiral, thick, perforated by one or more rows of flattened canals, radiating from the umbo and opening around the inner margin; anterior tooth supported by a plate which divides the umbonal cavity lengthwise, posterior tooth obscure; hinge-margin much thickened, grooved for the cartilage.

In *C. adversa* (Fig. 250) the free valve is (b) sinistrally spiral; its cavity is partitioned off by numerous septa, and divided longitudinally by the dental plate. When young it is attached by the apex of the straight valve (c), but afterwards becomes detached, as the large specimens are found imbedded with the spire downwards. (Saemann.) The lower valve of *C. Coquandiana* is sub-spiral.

\* These singular fossils were called *ichthyosarcolites* by Desmarest, from their resemblance to the flaky muscles of fishes.

*Fossil*, 10 species. Upper Greensand and Lower Chalk. Bohemia, France, Texas.

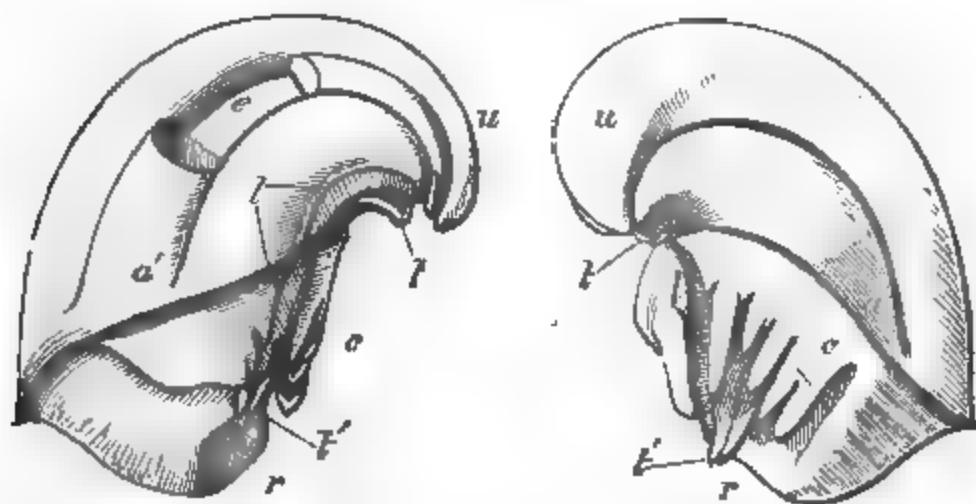


Fig. 251. Internal mould of *Caprotina quadripartita*, D'Orb.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

u, left umbo; r, right umbo; l, ligamental inflection; c, cartilage; t, t', dental sockets; a, a', position of adductors; at c, a portion of the third lobe is broken away.\* From a specimen collected by Mr. Pratt.

#### CAPROTINA, D'Orbigny.

*Type*, *C. semistriata*, Pl. XIX., Figs. 13 and 14. Le Mans, Sarthe.

*Shell* composed of two distinct layers; valves alike in structure, dissimilar in sculpturing; ligamental groove slight; cartilage internal; *right valve* fixed, striated, or ribbed, with one narrow tooth between two deep pits, cartilage pits several on each side of the ligamental inflection, posterior adductor supported by a plate: *free valve* flat or convex, with a marginal umbo; teeth 2, very prominent, supported by ridges (*apophyses*) of the adductor muscles (a a'), the anterior tooth connected with a third plate (n), which divides the umbonal cavity.

The smaller *Caprotinae* occur in groups, attached to oyster-shells; their muscular ridges are much less developed than in the large species (Fig. 251). *C. costata* is like a little *Radiolite*.

*Fossil*, 10 species. Upper Greensand, France. (The rest are Charnas, &c.)

#### FAMILY IX.—TRIDACNIDÆ.

*Shell* regular, equivalve, truncated in front; ligament external; valves strongly ribbed, margins toothed; muscular impressions blended, sub-central, obscure.

\* The first and fourth lobes, those on each side of the ligamental inflection, appear to be the two divisions of a great internal cartilage, like that of the *Radiolite*. (Figs. 244, 245, c, c.)

*Animal* attached by a byssus, or free; mantle-lobe extensively united; pedal opening large, anterior; siphonal orifices surrounded by a thickened pallial border; branchial plain; anal remote, with a tubular valve; shell-muscle single, large and round, with a smaller pedal muscle close to it behind; foot finger-like, with a byssal groove; gills 2 on each side, narrow, strongly plaited, the outer pair composed of a single lamina, the inner thick, with margins conspicuously grooved; palpi very slender, pointed.

The shell of *Tridacna* is extremely hard, being calcified until almost every trace of organic structure is obliterated. (Carpenter.)

TRIDACNA, Bruguière. Clam-shell.

*Etymology*, *tri*, three, *dakno*, to bite; a kind of oyster. (Pliny.)

*Example*, *T. squamosa*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 15.

Shell massive, trigonal, ornamented with radiating ribs and imbricating foliations; margins deeply indented; byssal sinus

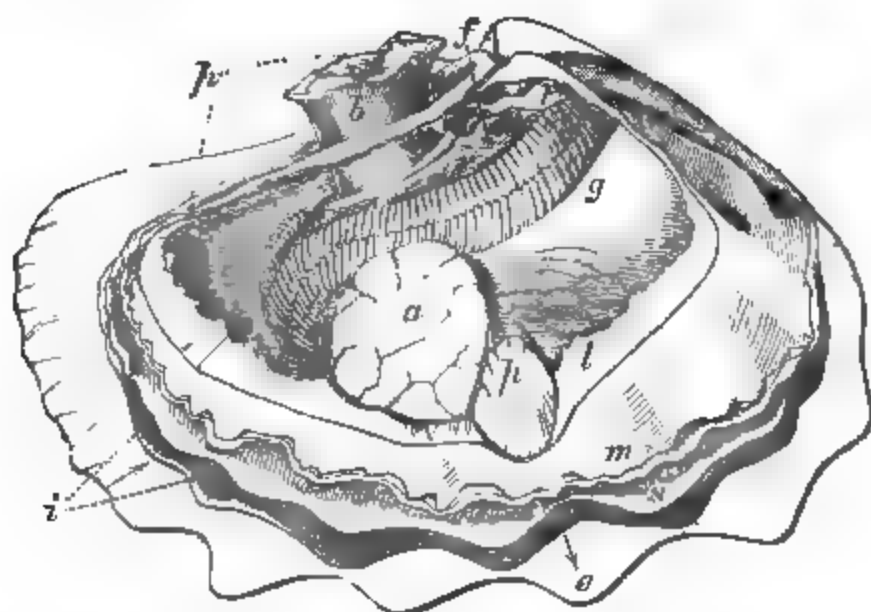


Fig. 252. *Tridacna Crocea*, Lam. (Original.)

*a*, the single adductor muscle; *p*, pedal muscle, and pedal opening in mantle; *f*, the small grooved foot; *b*, byssus; *t*, labial tentacles; *g*, gills; *l*, the broad pallial muscle, between *g* and *l* is the renal organ; *m*, the double mantle-margin; *s*, the siphonal border; *i*, inhalent orifice; *e*, valvular excurrent orifice. An. Nat. Hist. 1855, p. 190.

in each valve large, close to the umbo in front; hinge teeth 1.1, posterior laterals 2.1.

A pair of valves of *T. gigas*, weighing upwards of 500 lbs. and measuring about 2 feet across, are used as benches in the Church



of St. Sulpice, Paris. (Dillwyn.) Captain Cook states that the animal of this species sometimes weighs 20 lbs. and is good eating.\*

Fig. 252 shows the animal of *Tridacna*, as seen on removing the left valve and part of the mantle within the pallial line.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Indian Ocean, China Seas, Pacific.

*Fossil*, *T. media*. *Miocene*, Poland (Pusch). *Tridacna* and *Hippopus* are found in the raised coral-reefs of Torres Straits. (Macgillivray.)

*Sub-genus*. *Hippopus*, Lamarck. *H. maculatus*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 16. The "bear's-paw clam" has close valves with two hinge-teeth in each. It is found on the reefs in the Coral Sea. The animal spins a small *bysus*.

#### FAMILY X.—CARDIADÆ.

*Shell* regular, equivalve, free, cordate, ornamented with radiating ribs; posterior slope sculptured differently from the front and sides; cardinal teeth two, laterals 1.1 in each valve; ligament external, short and prominent; pallial line simple or slightly situated behind; muscular impressions sub-quadrate.

*Animal* with mantle open in front; siphons usually very short, cirrated externally; gills two on each side, thick, united posteriorly; palpi narrow and pointed; foot large, sickle-shaped.

#### CARDIUM, L. Cockle.

*Etymology*, *kardia*, the heart.

*Synonym*, Papyridea, Sw.

*Types*, *C. costatum*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 1. *C. lyratum*, Fig. 2.

*Shell* ventricose, close or gaping posteriorly; umbones prominent, sub-central; margins crenulated; pallial line more or less sinuated.

*Animal* with the mantle-margins plaited; siphons clothed with tentacular filaments anal orifice with a tubular valve; branchial fringed; foot long, cylindrical, sickle-shaped, heeled.

The cockle (*C. edule*) frequents sandy bays, near low water; a small variety lives in the brackish waters of the river Thames, as high as Gravesend; it ranges to the Baltic, and is found in the Black Sea and Caspian. *C. rusticum* extends from the Icy Sea to the Mediterranean, Black Sea, Caspian, and Aral. On the coast of Devon the large prickly cockle (*C. aculeatum*) is eaten.

\* "We stayed a long time in the lagoon (of Keeling Id.), examining the fields of coral and the gigantic clam-shells, into which if a man were to put his hand, he would not, as long as the animal lived, be able to withdraw it." (Darwin's Journal, p. 460.)

*Sub-genera. Hemicardium* (Cardissa) Cuvier. *C. hemicardium*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 3. Shell depressed, posterior slope flat, valves prominently keeled.

*Lithocardium aviculare*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 17. Shell triangular, keeled; anterior side very short; hinge-teeth 1.2, directed backwards; posterior laterals 2.1; anterior muscular pit minute, posterior impression large, remote from the hinge. *L. cymbulare*, Lam., exhibits slight indications of a byssal sinus in the front margins of the valves. Fossil, Eocene, France. These shells present considerable resemblance to *Tridacna*.

*Serripes* (groenlandicus) Beck. Hinge edentulous. Arctic Seas, from C. Parry to Sea of Kara; fossil in the Norwich Crag.

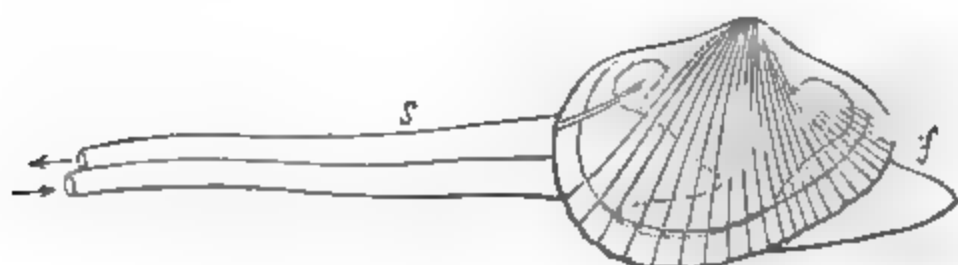


Fig. 263. *C. leviusculum*, Eichw. (after Middendorff).

*Adacna*, Eichwald. *C. edentulum*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 4. (Acardo, Sw. not Brug. *Pholadomya*, Ag. and Mid. not Sby.) Shell compressed, gaping behind, thin, nearly edentulous; pallial line sinuated. Animal with the foot (*f*) compressed; siphons (*s*) elongated, united nearly to the end, plain. Distribution, 8 species. Aral, Caspian, Azof, Black Sea, and the embouchures of the Wolga, Dniester, Dnieper, and Don; burrowing in mud. *C. Caspicum* (*Monodacna*, Eichw.) has a single hinge-tooth, and *C. trigonoides* (*Didacna*, E.) rudiments of two teeth. The siphonal inflection varies in amount.

Distribution, 200 species. World-wide; from the sea-shore to 140 fathoms. Gregarious on sands and sandy mud.

Fossil, 330 species. Upper Silurian — Patagonia — Southern India.

*C. Hillanum*, Sby. (*Protocardium*, Beyr.), is the type of a small group in which the sides are concentrically furrowed, the posterior slope radiately striated; the pallial line is slightly sinuated. Jura — Chalk; Europe, India.

*Type*, *C. Hibernicum*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 5. *C. aliforme*, Fig. 254.

*Shell*, equivalve trigonal, conical and gaping in front, truncated behind, with a long siphonal tube near the umbones; anterior

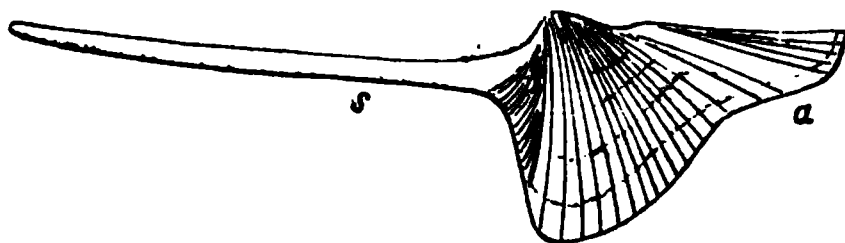


Fig. 254. *Conocardium aliforme*, Sby. Carb., Ireland. (Mus. Tennant.)

slope radiately, posterior obliquely striated; margins strongly crenulated within; hinge with anterior and posterior laminar teeth; ligament external.

The truncated end has usually been considered *anterior*, a conclusion which seems incompatible with the vertical position and burrowing habits of most free and equivalve shells; if compared with *Adacna* (Fig. 253) the large gape (*a*) will be for the foot, and the long tube (*s*) siphonal. *C. Hibernicum* has an expanded keel, like *Hemicardium inversum*. The shell-structure is prismatic-cellular, as first pointed out by Sowerby; but the cells are cubical, and much larger than in any of the *Aviculadæ*. In *Cardium* the outer layer is only corrugated or obscurely prismatic-cellular.

*Fossil*, 30 species. U. Silurian — Carb. North America, Europe.

#### FAMILY XI.—LUCINIDÆ.

*Shell* orbicular, free, closed; hinge-teeth 1 or 2, laterals 1—1 or obsolete; interior dull, obliquely furrowed; pallial line simple; muscular impressions 2, elongated, rugose; ligament inconspicuous or sub-internal.

*Animal* with mantle-lobes open below, and having one or two siphonal orifices behind; foot elongated, cylindrical, or strap-shaped (*ligulate*), protruded at the base of the shell; gills one (or two) on each side, large and thick, oval; mouth and palpi usually minute.

The *Lucinidæ* are distributed chiefly in the tropical and temperate seas, upon sandy and muddy bottoms, from the sea-shore to the greatest habitable depths. The shell consists of two distinct layers.

Fig. 255 represents the animal of a species of *Diplodonta*,

from the Philippines, as seen on removing the left valve, and part of the mantle within the pallial line; *b-c*, the large pedal opening; the arrows indicate the small plain *incurrent* orifice, and the valvular *excurrent* orifice; *f*, the foot, contracted in spirit; *pp*, the large striated palpi; *l*, the liver; the outer gill has a simple margin, the inner is grooved and conducts to the mouth. This genus has higher claims than *Kellia* to be regarded as the type of a family.

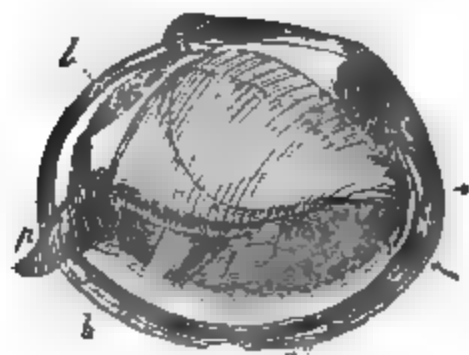


Fig. 235. *Diplo-donta*.

### LUCINA, Bruguière.

*Etymology*, *Lucina*, a name of Juno.

*Type*, *L. Pennsylvanica*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 6.

*Shell* orbicular, white; umbones depressed; lunule distinct; margins smooth or minutely crenulated; ligament oblique, semi-internal; hinge-teeth 2.2, laterals 1—1 and 2—2, or obsolete; muscular impressions rugose, anterior elongated within the pallial line, posterior oblong; umbonal area with an oblique furrow.

*Animal* with the mantle freely open below; siphonal orifices simple; mouth minute, lips thin; gills single on each side, very large and thick; foot cylindrical, pointed, slightly heeled at the base.

The foot of *Lucina* is often twice as long as the animal, but is usually folded back on itself and concealed between the gills; it is hollow throughout. *L. lactea* (Loripes, Poli.) has a long contractile anal tube. *L. tigrina* (Codakia, Scop.) has the ligament concealed between the valves, its lateral teeth are obsolete.

*Distribution*, 70 species. West Indies, Norway, Black Sea, New Zealand; 120 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 250 species. U. Silurian —. United States — T. del Fuego; Europe — Southern India.

*Sub-genera*, *Cryptodon*, Turton. *L. flexuosa*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 7. *Synonyms*, *Ptychina*, Phil. *Thyatira*, Leach. *Clavina* (ferruginosa) Jeffr. *Shell* thin, edentulous; ligament quite internal, oblique. *Animal* with a long anal tube. *Distribution*, 5 species. Norway — New Zealand. *Fossil*, 2 species, Eocene —. United States, Europe.

*Peathura*, Deshayes. Anterior adductor scar long, narrow; hinge-teeth 2.2; umbones imperceptible.

## CORBIS, Cuvier.

*Etymology*, *corbis*, a basket.

*Type*, *C. elegans*. Pl. XIX., Fig. 8.

*Synonyms*, *Fimbria*, Muhl. not Bohadsch. "*Idotæa*," Schum.

*Shell* oval, ventricose, sub-equilateral, concentrically sculptured; margins denticulated within; hinge-teeth 2, laterals 2, in each valve; pallial line simple; umbonal area with an oblique furrow, muscular impressions round and polished; pedal scars close to adductors.

*Animal* with the mantle open below, doubly fringed; foot long pointed; siphonal opening single, with a long retractile tubular valve; lips narrow; palpi rudimentary; gills single on each side, thick, quadrangular, plaited, united behind.

*Distribution*, 5 species. India, China, North Australia, Pacific.

*Fossil*, 80 species (including sub-genera). Lias —. United States, Europe.

In *C. dubia* (Semi-corbis) Desh., from the *Eocene*, Paris, the lateral teeth are obsolete.

*Sub-genera*. *Sphæra* (corrugata), Sby. *Shell* globular, concentrically furrowed and obscurely radiated; ligament prominent; margins crenulated; hinge-teeth 2.2, obscure; laterals obsolete. *Fossil*, Trias — Chalk. Europe.

*Sportella*, Deshayes. Like *Sphæra*, but with 2.1 hinge-teeth.

? *Unicardium*, D'Orb. (*Mactromya*, Ag. part.) = *Corbula cardioïdes*, Sby. *Shell* thin, oval, ventricose, concentrically striated; ligamental plates elongated; pallial line simple; hinge with an obscure tooth, or edentulous. *Fossil*, 40 species? Lias — Portlandian. Europe.

## ? TANCREDLA, Lycett, 1850.

Dedicated to Sir Thomas Tancred, Bart., founder of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Club.

*Example*, *T. extensa*, L. Pl. XXI., Fig. 22.

*Synonym*, *Hettangia*, Turquem.

*Shell* trigonal, smooth; anterior side usually longest; cardinal teeth 2.2, one of them small; a posterior lateral tooth in each valve; ligament external; muscular impressions oval; pallial line simple.

*Fossil*, 12 species. Lias — Bath Oolite. Britain, France.

## DIPLODONTA, Bronn.

*Etymology*, *diplos*, twin, *odonta*, teetn.

*Synonym*, *Sphærella*, Conrad.

*Type*, *D. lupinus* (Venus) Brocchi. Pl. XIX., Fig. 9.

*Shell* sub-orbicular, smooth; ligament double, rather long, sub-marginal; hinge-teeth 2.2, of which the anterior in the left valve, and posterior in the right, are bifid; muscular impressions polished, anterior elongated.

*Animal* with the mantle-margins nearly plain, united; pedal opening large, ventral; foot pointed, hollow; palpi large, free; gills two on each side, distinct, the outer oval, inner broadest in front, united behind; branchial orifice small, simple; anal larger, with a plain valve.

*Distribution*, 40 species. West Indies, Rio, Britain, Mediterranean, Red Sea, West Africa, India, Corea, Australia, California. *D. diaphana* (Felania, Recluz) burrows in sand.

*Fossil*, 30 species, Eocene —. United States, Europe.

? *Scacchia*, Philippi, 1844; *Tellina elliptica*, Sc. *Shell* minute, ovate, posterior side shortest; hinge-teeth 1 or 2, laterals obsolete; ligament minute; cartilage internal, in an oblong pit. *Animal* with mantle widely open; siphonal orifice single; foot compressed, linguiform; palpi moderate, oblong. *Distribution*, 2 species. Mediterranean. *Fossil*, 1 species. Pliocene, Sicily.

? *Cyamium*, Philippi, 1845. *C. Antarcticum*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 16. *Shell* oblong; hinge-teeth, 2.2; ligament double; cartilage in a triangular groove behind the teeth in each valve. *Distribution*, 3 species. Patagonia, Northern Europe. *Fossil*, 1 species. Tertiary, Europe.

## UNGULINA, Daudin.

*Etymology*, *ungulina*, like a hoof.

*Type*, *U. Oblonga*. Pl. XIX., Fig. 10.

*Shell* sub-orbicular; ligament very short; epidermis thick, wrinkled, sometimes black; hinge-teeth 2.2; muscular impressions long, rugose.

*Animal* with the mantle open below, fringed; siphonal orifice single; foot vermi-form, thickened at the end and perforated, projecting from the base of the shell or folded up between the gills, palpi pointed; gills two on each side, unequal, the external narrower, with a free dorsal border, inner widest in front.

*Distribution*, 4 species. Senegal, Philippines, excavating winding galleries in coral.

## KELLIA, Turton, 1822.

*Etymology*, named after Mr. O'Kelly, of Dublin.

*Synonyms*, Lasea (Leach), Br. 1827. Cycladina (Adansonii) Cantr. Bornia (sub-orbicularis) Phil. Poronia (rubra), Recluz (not Willd). Erycina (cycladiformis), Desh. (not Lam.)

*Types*, *K. sub-orbicularis*, Mont. *K. rubra*. Pl. XIX., Fig. 12.

*Shell* small, thin, sub-orbicular, closed; beaks small; margins smooth; ligament internal, interrupting the margin (in *K. suborbicularis*), or on the thickened margins (in *K. rubra*); cardinal teeth 1 or 2, laterals 1—1 in each valve.

*Animal* with the mantle prolonged in front into a respiratory canal, either complete (in *K. suborbicularis*) or opening into the pedal slit (in *K. rubra*); foot strap-shaped, grooved; gills large, two on each side, united posteriorly, the external pair narrower and prolonged dorsally; palpi triangular; posterior siphonal orifice single, exhalent.

The hinges of these little shells are subject to variations, which are not constantly associated with the modifications of the mantle-openings. They creep about freely, and fix themselves by a *byssus* at pleasure. *K. rubra* is found in crevices of rocks at high-water mark, and often in situations only reached by the spray, except at spring-tides; other species range as deep as 200 fathoms. *K. Laperousii* (Chironia), Desh. Pl. XIX., Fig. 11, was obtained, burrowing in sandstone, from deep water, at Monterey, California.

*Distribution*, 20 species. Norway—New Zealand—California.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Eocene—. United States, Europe.

*Sub-genera*. *Turtonia* (minuta), Hanley. *Shell* oblong, inequilateral, anterior side very short; ligament concealed between the valves; hinge-teeth 2.2. *Animal* with the mantle open in front; foot large, heeled; siphon single, slender, elongated, protruded from the long end of the shell. *Distribution*, Greenland, Norway, Britain. In pools and crevices of rocks between tide-marks, and in the roots of seaweeds and corallines. Mr. Thompson obtained them from the stomachs of mullets taken on the north-east coast of Ireland.

*Pythina* (Deshayesiana), Hinds. (Myllita, D'Orb, and Recl.) *Shell* trigonal, divaricately sculptured; ligament internal; right valve with 2 lateral teeth, left with 1 cardinal and 2 laterals. *Distribution*, 8 species, New Ireland, Australia, Philippines. *Fossil*, 2 species, Eocene—, France, Java.

## MONTACUTA, Turton.

Dedicated to Colonel George Montagu, the most distinguished of the earlier English malacologists.

*Type*, *M. substriata*. Pl. XIX., Fig. 13.

*Shell* minute, thin, oblong, anterior side longest; hinge-line notched; ligament internal, between 2 laminar, diverging teeth (with a minute ossicle. Lovén.)

*Animal* with the mantle open in front; margins simple; siphonal orifice single; foot large and broad, grooved.

The *Montacutæ* moor themselves by a byssus, or walk freely; *M. substriata* has only been found attached to the spines of the purple heart-urchin (*Spatangus purpureus*) in 5—90 fathoms. *M. bidentata* burrows in the valves of dead oyster-shells.

*Distribution*, 3 species. United States, Norway, Britain, Ægean.

*Fossil*, 2 species. Pliocene—. Britain.

## LEPTON, Turton.

*Etymology*, *lepton*, a minute piece of money (from *leptos*, thin).

*Synonym*? *Solecardia* (eburnea), Conrad, Lower California.

*Type*, *L. squamosum*. Pl. XIX., Fig. 14. Fig. 256.

*Shell* sub-orbicular, compressed, smooth, or shagreened, a little opened at the ends and longest behind; hinge-teeth 0.1 or 1.1 in front of an angular cartilage notch; lateral teeth 2.2 and 1.1.

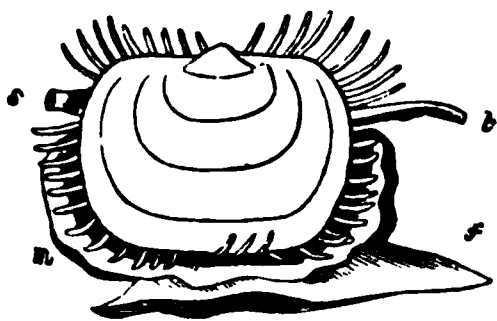


Fig. 256. *Lepton*.

*Animal* with the mantle (*m*) open in front, extending beyond the shell, and bearing a fringe of filaments, of which one in front (*t*) is very large; siphon (*s*) single, gills two on each side,

separate; foot (*f*) thick, tapering, heeled and grooved, forming a sole or creeping disk. (Alder.)

*Sub-genus*. *Scintilla* (Cumingi), Desh. 1856. Small shells resembling *Lepton*; minutely punctate; ligament internal, oblique; hinge-teeth 1. 2; posterior laterals 1. 2. *Distribution*, 37 species (?), Philippines, North Australia, Panama.

*Distribution*, 50 species. United States, Britain, Spain. Laminarian and Coralline Zones.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Pliocene—. United States, Britain.



## GALEOMMA, Turton.

*Synonyms*, *Hiatella*, Costa (not Daud.); *Parthenopea*, Scacchi (not Fabr).

*Type*, G. Turtoni, Pl. XIX., Fig. 15. (*Galee*, weasel, *omma*, eye.)

*Shell* thin, oval, equilateral, gaping widely below; invested with a thick, fibrous epidermis; beaks minute; ligament internal; teeth 0.1.

*Animal* with the mantle-lobes united behind and pierced with one siphonal orifice, margins double, the inner with a row of eye-like tubercles; gills large, sub-equal, united behind; lips large, palpi lanceolate, plaited; foot long, compressed, with a narrow flat sole.

The *Galeomma* spins a byssus, but breaks from its mooring at will and creeps about like a snail, spreading out its valves nearly flat. (Clarke.)

*Distribution*, 14 species. Britain, Mediterranean, Mauritius, Pacific.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Pliocene—. Sicily.

## FAMILY XII.—CYCLADIDÆ.

*Shell* sub-orbicular, closed; ligament external; epidermis thick, horny; umbones of aged shells eroded; hinge with cardinal and lateral teeth; pallial line simple, or with a very small inflection.

*Animal* with mantle open in front, margins plain; siphons (1 or 2) more or less united, orifices usually plain; gills 2 on each side, large unequal, united posteriorly; palpi lanceolate; foot large, tongue-shaped.

All the shells of this family were formerly included in the genus *Cyclas*, a name now retained for the small species inhabiting the rivers of the north temperate zone; the *Cyrenæ* are found in warmer regions, on the shores of creeks and in brackish water, where they are gregarious, burying vertically in the mud, and often associated with members of marine genera.

## CYCLAS, Bruguière.

*Etymology*, *kuklas*, orbicular.

*Type*, C. Cornea. Pl. XIX., Fig. 17.

*Synonyms*, *Sphærium*, Scop. *Pisum*, Muhl. (not L.) *Musculium*, Link.

*Shell* thin, ventricose, nearly equilateral; cardinal teeth 2.1, minute, laterals 1—1 : 2—2, elongated, compressed.

*Animal* ovo-viviparous; siphons partly united, anal shortest, orifices plain, gills very large, the outer smallest, with a dorsal flap; palpi small and pointed.

The fry of *Cyclas* are hatched in the *internal* branchiæ, they are few in number and very unequal in size; a full-grown *C. cornea* has about 6 in each gill; the largest being  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  the length of the parent. The young *Cyclades* and *Pisidia* are very active, climbing about submerged plants and often suspending themselves by byssal threads; the striated gills and pulsating heart are easily seen through the shell.

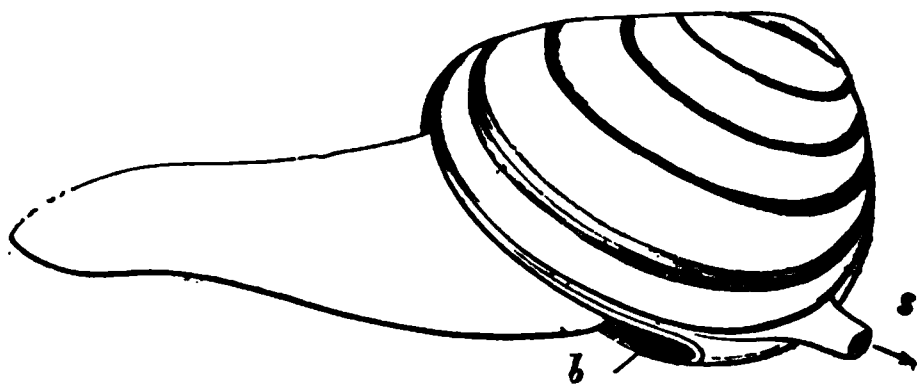


Fig. 257. *Pisidium amnicum*, ♀, with its foot protruded.

*Sub-genera*, *Pisidium*, Pfr. *P. amnicum*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 18. *Shell* inequilateral, anterior side longest; teeth stronger than in *Cyclas*. *Animal* with a single, small, excurrent siphon; branchial and pedal orifices confluent.

*Distribution*, 60 species. United States, South America, Greenland, Norway, Sicily, Algeria, Cape, India, Caspian, Britain.

*Fossil*, 38 species. Wealden—. Europe.

#### CYRENA, Lamarck,

*Etymology*, *Cyrene*, a nymph.

*Type*, *C. cyprinoides*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 20.

*Shell* oval, strong, covered with thick, rough epidermis; ligament thick and prominent; hinge-teeth 3.3, laterals 1—1 in each valve; pallial line slightly sinuated.

*Animal* (of type) with the mantle open in front and below, margins plain; siphons short, orifices fringed; gills unequal, square in front, plaited, inner lamina free at base; palpi lanceolate; foot strong, tongue-shaped.

*Sub-genera*, *Corbicula*, Muhl. *C. consobrina*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 21. *Shell* orbicular, concentrically furrowed, epidermis polished; lateral teeth elongated, striated across.

*Batissa*, Gray. Anterior lateral teeth short; under ones long.

*Velorita*, Gray. Anterior laterals thick and triangular.

*Distribution*, 130 species. Tropical America (eastern), Egypt, India, China, Australia, Pacific Islands. In the mud of rivers, and in mangrove swamps, usually near the coast. *C. consobrina* ranges from Egypt to Cashmere and China, and is found fossil in the Pliocene formations of England,\* Belgium, and Sicily.

*Fossil*, 105 species. Wealden—. Europe, United States.

#### ? CYRENOIDES, Joannis.

*Synonym*, Cyrenella, Desh.

*Type*, *C. Dupontii*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 19.

*Shell* orbicular, ventricose, thin, eroded at the beaks; epidermis dark olive; ligament external, prominent, elongated; cardinal teeth 3.2, the central tooth of the right valve bifid; muscular impressions long, narrow; pallial line simple.

*Animal* with the mantle open in front and below, margin simple, siphons short, united; palpi moderate, narrow; gills very unequal, narrow, united behind; foot cylindrical elongated.

*Distribution*, 4 species. River Senegal. The marine species are *Diplodontæ*.

*Fossil*, 1 species. Europe.

#### FAMILY XIII.—CYPRINIDÆ.

*Shell* regular, equivalve, oval or elongated; valves close, solid; epidermis thick and dark; ligament external, conspicuous; cardinal teeth 1—3 in each valve, and usually a posterior lateral tooth; pedal scars close to, or confluent with, the adductors; pallial line simple.

*Animal* with the mantle-lobes united posteriorly by a curtain, pierced with two siphonal orifices; foot thick, tongue-shaped; gills 2 on each side, large, unequal, united behind, forming a complete partition; palpi moderate, lanceolate.

One half the genera of this family are extinct, and the rest (excepting *Circe*) were more abundant in former periods than at the present time. *Cyprina* and *Astarte* are boreal forms; *Circe* and *Cardita* abound in the Southern seas.

#### CYPRINA, Lamarck.

*Etymology*, *Kuprinos* (from *Kupris*), related to Venus.

*Type*, *C. Islandica*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 22.

\* Associated with the bones of *Elephas meridionalis*, *Rhinoceros leptorhinus*, *Mastodon Arvernensis*, *Hippopotamus major*, &c.

*Synonym, Arctica, Schum.*

*Shell* oval, large and strong, with usually an oblique line or angle on the posterior side of each valve; epidermis thick and dark; ligament prominent, umbones oblique; no lunule; cardinal teeth 2.2, laterals 0—1, 1—0; muscular impressions oval, polished; pallial sinus obsolete.

*Animal* with the mantle open in front and below, margins plain; siphonal orifices close together, fringed, slightly projecting; outer gills semilunar, inner truncated in front.

The principal hinge-tooth in the right valve of *Cyprina* represents the second and third in *Venus* and *Cytherea*; the second tooth of the left valve is consequently obsolete.

*Distribution, C. Islandica* ranges from Greenland and the United States to the Icy Sea, Norway, and England; in 5—80 fathoms water. It occurs fossil in Sicily and Piedmont, but not alive in the Mediterranean.

*Fossil*, 90 species. (D'Orbigny.) Muschelkalk —. Europe.

#### CIRCE, Schumacher.

*Etymology*, in Greek mythology a celebrated enchantress.

*Example*, *C. corrugata*, Pl. XX., Fig. 2.

*Synonym*, *Paphia (undulata)*, Lamarck.\*

*Shell* sub-orbicular, compressed, thick, often sculptured with diverging striæ; umbones flat; lunule distinct; ligament nearly concealed; margins smooth; hinge-teeth 3:3; laterals obscure; pallial line entire.

*Animal* (of *C. minima*) with the mantle open, margins denticulate, siphonal orifices close together, scarcely projecting, fringed; foot large, heeled; palpi long and narrow. Ranges from 8—50 fathoms. (Forbes.)

*Distribution*, 40 species. Australia, India, Red Sea, Canaries, Britain.

#### ASTARTE, Sowerby, 1816.

*Synonym*, *Crassina*, Lamarck. *Tridonta*, Schum. *Goodallia*, Turton.

*Example*, *A. sulcata*, Pl. XX., Fig. 1. *A. borealis*, Fig. 258. (*Astarte*, the Syrian Venus.)

*Shell* sub-orbicular, compressed, thick, smooth or concen-

\* This name was employed by Bolten, in 1798, for sp. of *Veneridæ*, and by Lamarck, in 1801, for *Venus divaricata*, Chemn. (= *Circe divaricata* and *Crassatella contraria*), and *Mesodesma glabratum*. In 1808, Fabricius adopted the name for a group of butterflies, in which sense it is now widely employed, having been abandoned by Lamarck in his later works, and by all succeeding malacologists.

trically furrowed; lunule impressed; ligament external; epidermis dark; hinge-teeth 2.2, the anterior tooth of the right valve large and thick; anterior pedal scar distinct; pallial line simple.

*Animal* with mantle open; margins plain or slightly fringed; siphonal orifices simple; foot moderate, tongue-shaped; lips large, palpi lanceolate; gills nearly equal, united behind, and attached to the siphonal band.

The animal of *Astarte borealis* is shown in Fig. 258; mantle-margins free, plain, slightly ciliated in the branchial region; united posteriorly by the branchial septum, forming a single excurrent orifice; pedal muscles (*p p'*), distinct from adductors; gills flat, finely striated, destitute of internal partitions; outer

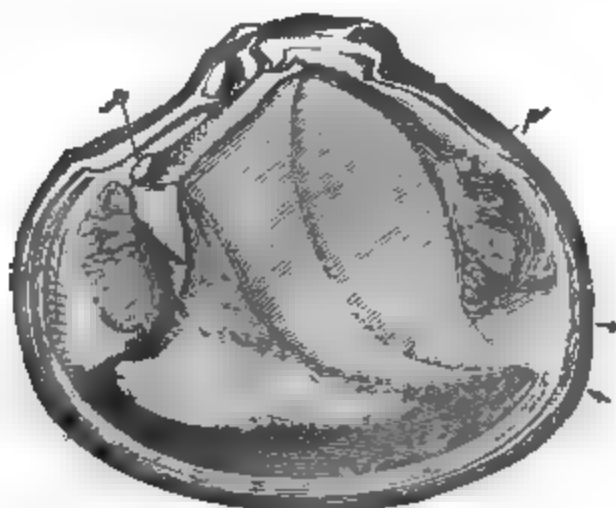


Fig. 258. *Astarte borealis*, var. *semi-sulcata*, Leach,  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Wellington Channel.

gill narrow, elliptical, with a simple margin; inner gill grooved, conducting to the mouth.

*Distribution*, 20 species. Behring's Straits, Wellington Channel, Kara Sea, Ochotsk, United States, Norway, Britain, Canaries, Aegean (30—112 fathoms).

*Fossil*, 285 species. Carb. —. North and South America, Europe, Thibet.

? *Digitaria*, Wood; *Tellina digitaria*, Lower Mediterranean.

*Fossil*, Pliocene, Britain.

#### GOULDIA, C. B. Adams.

*Shell* minute, triangular, furrowed; hinge like *Astarte*, with lateral teeth; pallial line simple.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Panama, West Indies.

## CRASSATELLA, Lamarck.

*Synonyms*, Ptychomya, Ag. Paphia (Lamarck, part) Roissy.

*Type*, *C. ponderosa*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 4. *C. pulchra*, Fig. 259.

*Etymology*, *crassus*, thick.

*Shell* solid, ventricose, attenuated behind, smooth or concentrically furrowed; lunule distinct; ligament internal; margin smooth or denticulated; pallial line simple; hinge-teeth 1.2, striated, in front of cartilage pit; lateral teeth 0—1, 1—0; adductor impressions deep, rounded; pedal small, distinct.

*Animal* with mantle-lobes united only by the branchial septum; inhalent margins ciliated; foot moderate, compressed, triangular grooved; gills smooth, unequal, outer semi-lunar, inner widest in front; palpi triangular.

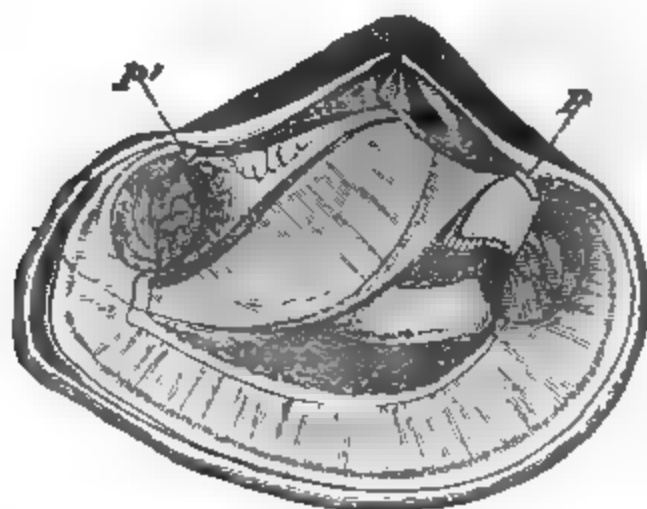


Fig. 259. *Crassatella pulchra*. Sandy Cape, J. B. Jukes.

Animal as seen on the removal of right valve, and portion of the mantle.

In *Crassatella pulchra* the animal is like *Astarte*; foot linguliform, slightly grooved; palpi short and broad, few-plaited; outer gill narrower in front.

*Distribution*, 34 species. Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, India, West Africa, Canaries, Brazil.

*Fossil*, 64 species. Neocomian —. Patagonia, United States, Europe.

## ISOCARDIA, Lamarck. Heart-cockle.

*Etymology*, *isos*, like, *cardia*, the heart.

*Type*, *I. cor*. Pl. XX., Fig. 3.

*Synonyms*, *Glossus*, Poli; *Bucardium*, Muhlfeldt; *Pecchiolia*, Meneghini.

*Shell* cordate, ventricose; umbones distant, sub-spiral; ligament external; hinge-teeth 2.2; laterals 1—1 in each valve, the anterior sometimes obsolete.

*Animal* with the mantle open in front; foot triangular, pointed, compressed; siphonal orifices close together, fringed; palpi long and narrow; gills very large, nearly equal. .

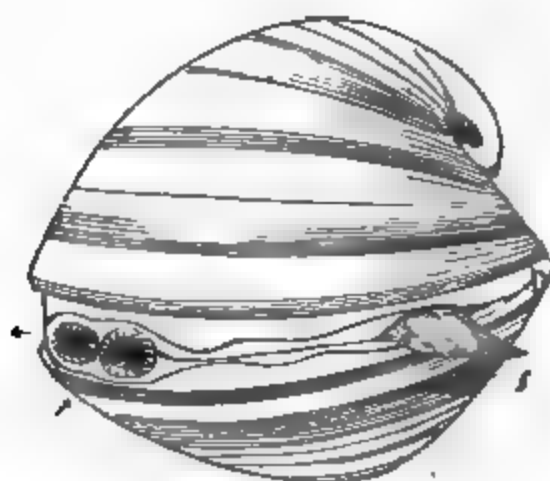


Fig. 260 *Isocardia cor.*

The heart-cockle burrows in sand, by means of its foot (*f*), leaving only the siphonal openings exposed. (Bulwer.)

*Distribution*, 5 species. Britain, Mediterranean, China, Japan.

*Fossil*, 90 species. Trias —. United States, Europe, South India.

The *Isocardia*-shaped fossils of the old rocks belong to the genera *Cardiomorpha* and *Iso-arca*; many of those in the Oolites to *Ceromya*. Casts of true *Isocardia* have only two transverse dental folds between the beaks, and no longitudinal furrows.

#### CYPRICARDIA, Lamarck.

*Example*, *C. obesa*, Pl. XX., Fig. 4. *C. rostrata*, Fig. 261.

*Synonyms*, *Trapezium*, Humph. *Libitina*, Sch.

*Shell* oblong, with an oblique posterior ridge; umbones anterior depressed; ligament external, in deep and narrow grooves; cardinal teeth 2.2, laterals 1—1 in each valve, sometimes obscure; muscular impressions oval (of two elements); pallial line simple.

? **Sub-genera.** *Radonia*. *Pocanlt*, Bull Soc. Geol. 8, 362. *Shell* val, tumid; hinge with cardinal and posterior teeth; anterior adductor bounded by a ridge. *Fossil*, Lower Silurian, Brittany, Portugal. (Sharpe.)

*Fossil*, 5 species. Lower Silurian—Trias. United States, Europe, New South Wales, Tasmania.

### ? *CARDILLA*, Deshayes.

*Type*, *C. semisulcata*, Pl XVIII., Fig. 16.

*Synonym*, *Hemicyclonosta*, Deshayes.

*Shell* oblong, ventricose, cordate; beaks prominent, sub-spiral; hinge with a small tooth and dental pit in each valve; ligament partly internal contained in a spoon-shaped inflection; anterior muscular scar long, with a pedal scar above; posterior adductor impression on a prominent sub-spiral plate; pallial line simple.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Chinese Sea, Moluccas.

*Fossil*, 2 species. *Eocene*—. France, Piedmont.

### *MEGALODOX*, J. Sowerby.

*Type*, *M. cucullata*, Pl XIX., Fig. 19. (*Megas*, large, *odous*, tooth.)

*Shell* oblong, smooth or keeled; ligament external; hinge-teeth 1.2, thick: laterals 1.1, posterior; anterior adductor impression deep, with a raised margin, and a small pedal scar behind it.

In the typical species the beaks are sub-spiral, the lateral teeth obscure, and the posterior adductors bounded by prominent ridges.

*Fossil*, 14 species. Upper Silurian—Devonian. United States, Europe.

*Sub-genera*. ? *Golfuevia* *laurillardes*, *Castellan*. Umbones spiral; anterior side *concentrically* furrowed; posterior side with two oblique ridges. *Fossil*, Silurian. United States.

*Megaloda* *Canadensis*, Hall 1852. Upper Silurian. Canada. Umbones very thick hinge-teeth ragged almost obliterated with age; posterior lateral teeth 1.1; no muscular ridges.

### *PAETODONTA* Morris, J. Sowerby.

*Etymology*, *paion*, Greek dinner, house.

*Synonymy*, *Pyrausta* Dana ? *Cyrtis* (*gracilis*), Dana.

? *Pyrausta* (*Pyrausta*), D. = *Notonta*, McCoy.



? *Sub-genus. Redonia*, Rouault, Bull Soc, Geol., 8, 362. *Shell* oval, tumid; hinge with cardinal and posterior teeth; anterior adductor bounded by a ridge. *Fossil*, Lower Silurian, Brittany, Portugal. (Sharpe.)

*Fossil*, 5 species. Lower Silurian—Trias. United States, Europe, New South Wales, Tasmania.

### ? CARDILIA, Deshayes.

*Type*, *C. semisulcata*, Pl. XVIII., Fig. 18.

*Synonym*, *Hemicyclonosta*, Deshayes.

*Shell* oblong, ventricose, cordate; beaks prominent, sub-spiral; hinge with a small tooth and dental pit in each valve; ligament partly internal contained in a spoon-shaped inflection; anterior muscular scar long, with a pedal scar above; posterior adductor impression on a prominent sub-spiral plate; pallial line simple.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Chinese Sea, Moluccas.

*Fossil*, 2 species. Eocene—. France, Piedmont.

### MEGALODON, J. Sowerby.

*Type*, *M. cucullatus*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 19. (*Megas*, large, odous, tooth.)

*Shell* oblong, smooth or keeled; ligament external; hinge-teeth 1.2, thick; laterals 1.1, posterior; anterior adductor impression deep, with a raised margin, and a small pedal scar behind it.

In the typical species the beaks are sub-spiral, the lateral teeth obscure, and the posterior adductors bounded by prominent ridges.

*Fossil*, 14 species. Upper Silurian—Devonian. United States, Europe.

*Sub-genera.* ? *Goldfussia* (nautiloides), Castlenau. Umbones spiral; anterior side concentrically furrowed; posterior side with two oblique ridges. *Fossil*, Silurian, United States.

*Megaloma* (Canadensis), Hall, 1852. Upper Silurian, Canada. Umbones very thick, hinge-teeth rugged, almost obliterated with age; posterior lateral teeth 1.1; no muscular ridges.

### PACHYDOMUS (Morris), J. Sowerby.

*Etymology*, *pachus*, thick, *domos*, house.

*Synonyms*, *Astartila*, Dana. ? *Cleobis* (grandis), Dana.  
? *Pyramus* (ellipticus), D. = *Notomya*, M'Coy.

*Type*, *P. globosus* (Megadesmus), J. Sowerby, in Mitchell's Australia.

*Shell* oval, ventricose, very thick; ligament large, external; lunette more or less distinct; hinge-line sunk; teeth 1 or 2 (?) in each valve; adductor impressions deep; anterior pedal scar distinct; pallial line broad and simple, or with a very shallow sinus.

*Fossil*, 5 species. Devonian? New South Wales, Tasmania.

### PACHYRISMA, Morris and Lycett.

*Etymology*, *pachus*, thick, *ereisma*, support.

*Type*, *P. grande*, Morris and Lycett. Great Oolite (Bathonian), Minchinhampton.

*Shell* cordate, with large sub-spiral beaks; valves very thick near the umbones, obliquely keeled; hinge with one thick conical tooth (behind the dental pit, in the right valve), a small lateral tooth close to the deep and oval anterior adductor, and a posterior lateral-tooth (or muscular lamina?); ligamental plates short and deep.

### OPIS, DeFrance. /

*Example*, *O. lunulata*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 24. (*Opis*, a name of Artemis.)

*Shell* strong, ventricose, cordiform, obliquely keeled; beaks prominent, incurved, or sub-spiral; cardinal teeth 1.1; lunule distinct.

*Fossil*, 42 species. Trias—Chalk. Europe.

### CARDINIA, Agassiz.

*Etymology*, *cardo-inis*, a hinge.

*Type*, *C. Listeri*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 23.

*Synonyms*, *Thalassides*, Berger, 1833 (no description). *Sinemuria*, Christol. *Pachyodon*, Stutch. (not Meyer nor Schum). *Pronoe*, Agassiz.

*Shell* oval or oblong, attenuated posteriorly, compressed, strong, not pearly, marked by lines of growth; ligament external; cardinal teeth obscure, laterals 1—0, 0—1, remote, prominent; adductor impressions deep; pallial line simple.

*Fossil*, 71 species. Silurian—Inferior Oolite. Europe; along with marine shells.

*Sub-genus*? *Anthracosia*, King, 1844; *Unio sub-constrictus*, Sowerby. (*Carbonicola*, M'Coy, 1856.) Upper Silurian—Carb. 40 species. They occur in the valuable layers of clay-ironstone called "mussel-bands," associated with *Nautili*, *Discinæ*, &c.

In Derbyshire the mussel-band is wrought, like marble, into vases.

? MYOCONCHA, J. Sowerby.

*Type*, *M. crassa*, Pl. XIX., Fig. 25. (*Mya*, mussel, *concha*, shell.)

*Shell* oblong, thick, with nearly terminal depressed umbones; ligament external, supported by long, narrow, appressed plates; hinge thick, with an oblique tooth in the right valve; anterior muscular impression round and deep, with a small pedal scar behind it; posterior impression large, single; pallial line simple.

This shell, which is not nacreous inside, is distinguished from any of the *Mytilidæ* by the form of its ligamental plates and muscular impressions; the hinge-tooth is usually overgrown and nearly obliterated by the hinge-margin, as in aged examples of *Cardita orbicularis* and *Cypricardia vellicata*.

*Fossil*, 26 species. Permian—Miocene. (D'Orb.) Europe.

*Sub-genus*. ? *Hippopodium* (ponderosum, Sowerby), Coneybeare. Lias, Europe. *Shell* oblong, thick, ventricose; umbones large; ligament external; ventral margin sinuated; hinge with one thick, oblique tooth in each valve, sometimes nearly obsolete; pallial line simple; anterior muscular scar deep. This shell appears to be a ponderous form of *Cypricardia* or *Cardita*; it is a characteristic fossil of the English Lias, but only very aged examples have been found.

CARDITA, Bruguière.

*Synonyms*, *Mytilicardia* and *Cardiocardita* (ajar), Bl. *Arcinella*, Oken.

*Type*, *C. calyculata*, Pl. XX., Fig. 5.

*Etymology*, *cardia*, the heart.

*Shell* oblong, radiately ribbed; ligament external; margins toothed; hinge-teeth 1.2, and an elongated posterior tooth; pallial line simple; anterior pedal scar close to adductor.

*Animal* with the mantle-lobes free, except between the siphonal orifices; branchial margin with conspicuous cirri: foot rounded and grooved, spinning a byssus; labial palpi short, triangular, plaited; gills rounded in front, tapering behind, and united together, the outer pair narrowest.

*C. pectunculus*, Bruguière, (*Mytilicardia*, Blainville), has an anterior tooth. *C. concamerata*, Bruguière, found at the Cape, has a remarkable cup-like inflection of the ventral margin of each valve.

The shells of this tribe are remarkable for the elegance of their forms and colours; they are frequently ornamented with chevron-shaped lines. Their texture is very hard, all traces of structure being usually obliterated. The *Veneridæ* appeared first in the Oolitic period, and have attained their greatest development at the present time; they are found in all seas, but most abundantly in the tropics.

### VENUS, L.

*Synonyms*, Merceneria, Antigone, and Anomalocardia (flexuosa) Schum, Chione, Megerle (not Scop.). Erycina (carioides), Lamarck, 1818.

*Type*, *V. paphia*, L. Pl. XX., Fig. 7.

*Shell* thick, ovate, smooth, sulcated, or cancellated; margins minutely crenulated; cardinal teeth 3—3; pallial sinus small, angular; ligament prominent; lunule distinct.

*Animal* with mantle-margins fringed; siphons unequal, more or less separate; branchial orifice sometimes doubly fringed, the outer pinnate; anal orifice with a simple fringe and tubular valve; foot tongue-shaped; palpi small, lanceolate.

*V. textilis*, and other elongated species, have a deep pallial sinus; *V. gemma* (Totten) has a very deep angular sinus, like *Artemis*; *V. reticulata* has bifid teeth, like *Tapes*; *V. tridacnoides*, a fossil of the United States, has massive valves, ribbed like the clam-shell. The North American Indians used to make coinage (*wampum*) of the sea-worn fragments of *Venus mercenaria*, by perforating and stringing them on leather thongs.

*Distribution*, 176 species. World-wide. Low water—140 fathoms. *V. astartoides*, Behrings' Sea. *V. verrucosa*, Britain, Mediterranean, Senegal, Cape, Red Sea: Australia?

*Fossil*, 200 species. Oolites—. Patagonia, United States, Europe, India.

? *Volupia rugosa*. (Defrance, 1829.) Shell minute, Isocardia-shaped, concentrically ribbed, with a large lunule. *Eocene*, Hauteville.

*Saxidomus* (Nuttalli), Conrad. Oval, solid, with tumid umbones; lunule 0; teeth 3—4, unequal, the central bifid; pallial sinus large.

*Distribution*, 8 species. India, Australia, West America.

### CYTHEREA, Lam.

*Etymology*, *Cytherea*, from Cythera, an Ægean island.

*Synonyms*, Meretrix, Gray. Dione, Megerle, Cryptogramma, Mörch.

*Examples*, C. dione, Pl. XX., Fig. 8. C. chione, Fig. 14, p. 26.

*Shell* like *Venus*; margins simple; hinge with 3 cardinal teeth and an anterior tooth beneath the lunule; pallial sinus moderate, angular.

*Animal* with plain mantle-margins; siphons united half-way.

*Distribution*, same as *Venus*. Recent 113 species.

*Fossil*, 80 species.

### MEROE, Schum.

*Etymology*, Meroë, an island of the Nile.

*Synonyms*, Cuneus (part) Megerle (not Da Costa). Sunetta, Link.

*Type*, M. picta (= Venus Meroë, L. Donax, Deshayes). Pl. XX., Fig. 9.

*Shell* oval, compressed; anterior side rather longest; hinge with 3 cardinal teeth, and a long narrow anterior tooth; lunule lanceolate; ligament in a deep escutcheon.

*Distribution*, 11 species. Senegal, India, Japan, Australia.

### TRIGONA, Mühlfeldt.

*Etymology*, trigonos, three-cornered.

*Type*, T. tripla, Pl. XX., Fig. 10.

*Shell* trigonal, wedge-shaped, sub-equilateral; ligament short, prominent; cardinal teeth 3—4, anterior  $\frac{2}{3}$  remote; pallial sinus rounded, horizontal.

*Distribution*, 28 species. West Indies, Mediterranean, Senegal, Cape, India, West America.

*Fossil*, Miocene—. Bordeaux.

T. crassatelloides attains a diameter of 5 inches, and is very ponderous.

*Sub-genus*, Grateloupia, Desm. G. irregularis, Pl. XX., Fig. 11.

*Shell* sub-equilateral, rounded in front, attenuated behind; hinge with 1 anterior tooth, 3 cardinal teeth, and several small posterior teeth; pallial sinus deep, oblique. *Fossil*, 4 species. Eocene—Miocene. United States, France.

### ARTEMIS, Poli.

*Etymology*, Artemis, in Greek mythology Diana.

*Type*, A. exoleta, Pl. XX., Fig. 12.

*Synonym*, Dosinia, Scopoli.

*Shell* orbicular, compressed, concentrically striated, pale ligament sunk; lunule deep; hinge like *Cytherea*; margins even; pallial sinus deep, angular, ascending.

*Animal* with a large hatchet-shaped foot, projecting from the ventral margin of the shell; mantle-margins slightly plaited; siphons united to their ends; orifices simple; palpi narrow.

*Distribution*, 100 species. Boreal—Tropical seas; low water 80 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 13 species. Carb—. United States, Europe, South India.

*Sub-genera*. *Cyclina*, Desh. V. *Sinensis*, Chemn. Orbicular, ventricose, margins crenulated, no lunule, sinus deep and angular. *Distribution*, 10 species, Senegal, India, China, Japan, West America. *Fossil*, 1 species. Miocene, Bordeaux.

*Clementia* (papyracea) Gray. Thin, oval, white; ligament semi-internal; posterior teeth bifid, sinus deep and angular. *Animal* with long, united siphons, and a large crescentic foot, similar to *Artemis*. *Distribution*, 6 species. Australia, Philippines.

#### LUCINOPSIS, Forbes.

*Synonyms*, *Dosinia*, Gray, 1847 (not Scop.). *Mysia*, Gray, 1851 (not Leach). *Cyclina*, Gray, 1853 (not Desh.).

*Type*, *Venus undata*, Pennant, Pl. XX., Fig. 13. (*Lucina* and *opsis* like.)

*Shell* lenticular, rather thin; right valve with 2 laminar, diverging teeth, left with 3 teeth, the central bifid; muscular impressions oval, polished; pallial sinus very deep, ascending.

*Animal* with mantle-margins plain; pedal opening contracted; foot pointed, basal; siphons longer than the shell, separate, divergent, with fringed orifices. (Clark.)

The type of this genus having been erroneously placed in *Cyclina* by M. Deshayes, he has proposed a new genus (*Lajonkairia*) for *L. decussata*, Philippines, a fossil of the English Pliocene, but still living in the Mediterranean.

*Distribution*, 10 species. North America, Norway, Britain.

*Fossil*, 3 species. Pliocene. Britain, Belgium.

#### TAPES, Mühlfeldt.

*Synonyms*, *Paphia*, Bolten, 1798. *Pullastra*, G. Sby. *Omalia*, Ryck, 1856.

*Example*, *T. pullastra*, Pl. XX., Fig. 14. (*Tapes*, tapestry.)

*Shell* oblong, umbones anterior, margins smooth; teeth 3 in each valve, more or less bifid; pallial sinus deep, rounded.

*Animal* spinning a byssus; foot thick, lanceolate, grooved; mantle plain or finely fringed; freely open in front; siphons moderate, separate half-way or throughout, orifices fringed, anal cirri simple, branchial ramose; palpi long, triangular.

*Distribution*, 78 species. Norway, Britain, Black Sea, Senegal, Brazil, India, China, New Zealand. Low water—100 fathoms. (Beechy.)

*Fossil*, 6 species. Pliocene—. Britain, France, Belgium, Italy.

The animal is eaten on the continental coasts; it buries in the sand at low water, or hides in the crevices of rocks, and roots of sea-weed.

### VENERUPIS, Lamarck.

*Etymology*, *Venus*, and *rupes*, a rock.

*Synonym*, *Gastrana*, Schum.

*Example*, *V. exotica*, Pl. XX., Fig. 15.

*Shell* oblong, a little gaping posteriorly, radiately striated and ornamented with concentric lamellæ; three small teeth in each valve; one of them bifid; pallial sinus moderately deep, angular.

*Animal* with the mantle closed in front, pedal opening moderate; siphons united half-way, and with a simple fringe and tubular valve, branchial siphon doubly fringed, inner cirri branching; palpi small and pointed.

*Distribution*, 19 species. Britain—Crimea; Canaries, India, Tasmania, Kamtschatka, Behring's Straits—Peru. In crevices of rocks.

*Fossil*, Miocene—. United States, Europe.

### PETRICOLA, Lamarck.

*Etymology*, *petra*, stone, *colo*, to inhabit.

*Synonyms*, *Rupellaria*, Bellevue; *Choristodon*, Jonas; *Narano*, Gray.

*Type*, *P. lithophaga*, Pl. XX., Fig. 16. *P. pholadiformis*, Pl. XX., Fig. 17.

*Shell* oval or elongated, thin, tumid, anterior side short; hinge with 3 teeth in each valve, the external often obsolete; pallial sinus deep.

*Animal* with the mantle closed in front, much thickened and recurved over the edges of the shell; pedal opening small; foot small, pointed, lanceolate; siphons partially separate, orifices fringed, anal with a valve and simple cirri, branchial cirri pinnate; palpi small, triangular.

*Distribution*, 30 species. United States, France, Red Sea, India, New Zealand, Pacific, West America (Sitka—Peru). Burrows in limestone and mud.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Eocene—. United States, Europe.

### GLAUCOMYA (Bronn), Gray.

*Synonym*, Glauconome, Gray, 1829 (not Goldfuss, 1826).

*Type*, *G. Sinensis*, Pl. XX., Fig. 18. (*Glaucos*, sea-green, *mya*, mussel.)

*Shell* oblong, thin; epidermis dark, greenish; ligament external; hinge with 3 teeth in each valve, one of them bifid; pallial sinus very deep and angular.

*Animal* with a rather small, linguiform foot; pedal opening moderate; siphons very long, united, projecting far into the branchial cavity when retracted, their ends separate and diverging; palpi large, sickle-shaped; gills long, rounded in front, the outer shortest.

*Sub-genus*. *Tarysiphon*, Benson. Differs from *Glaucomya* in having the siphons united up to the end.

*Distribution*, 12 species. Embouchures of rivers; China, Philippines, Borneo, India.

*Fossil*, 2 species. Tertiary. Europe.

### FAMILY XV.—MACTRIDÆ.

*Shell* equivalve, trigonal, close, or slightly gaping; ligament (cartilage) internal, sometimes external, contained in a deep triangular pit; epidermis thick; hinge with 2 diverging cardinal teeth, and usually with anterior and posterior laterals; pallial sinus short, rounded.

*Animal* with the mantle more or less open in front; siphonal tubes united, orifices fringed; foot compressed; gills not prolonged into the branchial siphon.

Sections of the shell exhibit an indistinct cellular layer on the external surface and a distinct layer of elongated shell. (Carpenter.)

### MACTRA, L.

*Etymology*, *mactra*, a kneading trough.

*Synonyms*, *Trigonella*, Da Costa (not L.), *Schizodesma* (Spengleri), *Spisula* (solida), *Mulinia* (lateralis), Gray.

*Type*, *M. stultorum*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 1.

*Shell* nearly equilateral; anterior hinge-tooth  $\Delta$ -shaped, with



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*G. cuneatus* was formally eaten by the Indians. At Mobile, on the Gulf of Mexico, it is found in colonies along with *Cyrena Carolinensis*, burrowing 2 inches deep in banks of mud; the water is only brackish, though there is a tide of 3 feet. Banks of dead shells, 3 or 4 feet thick, are found 20 miles inland: Mobile is built on one of these shell-banks. The road from New Orleans to Lake Pont-chartrain (6 miles) is made of *Gnathodon* shells procured from the east end of the lake, where there is a mound of them a mile long, 15 feet high, and 20—60 yards wide; in some places it is 20 feet above the level of the lake. (Lyell.)

#### LUTRARIA, Lamarck. Otter's-shell.

*Type*, *L. oblonga*, Gmel. Pl. XXI., Fig. 3. (= *L. solenoides*, Lamarck).

*Shell* oblong, gaping at both ends; cartilage-plate prominent, with 1 or 2 small teeth in front of it, in each valve; pallial sinus deep, horizontal.

*Animal* with closed mantle-lobes; pedal opening moderate; foot rather large, compressed; siphons united, elongated, invested with epidermis; palpi rather narrow, their margins plain; gills tapering to the mouth.

*Distribution*, 18 species. United States, Brazil, Britain, Mediterranean, Senegal, Cape, India, New Zealand, Sitka.

*Fossil*, 25 species. Carb.—. United States, Europe.

Resembles *Mya*; burying vertically in sand or mud, especially of estuaries; low water, 12 fathoms. *L. rugosa*, found living on the coasts of Portugal and Mogador, is fossil on the coast of Sussex. (Dixon.)

*Sub-genus*, *Vaganella*, Gray. Mantle sinus, large, round; interior ridges, of which two diverge from the hinge to the ventral edge.

#### ANATINELLA, G. Sowerby.

*Type*, *A. candida*, (Mya) Chemn. Pl. XXIII., Fig. 6.

*Shell* ovate, rounded in front, attenuated and truncated behind; cartilage in a prominent spoon-shaped process, with 2 small teeth in front; muscular impressions irregular, the anterior elongated; pallial line slightly truncated behind.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Ceylon, Philippines; sands at low water.

#### FAMILY XVI.—TELLINIDÆ.

*Shell* free, compressed, usually closed and equivalve; cardinal teeth 2 at most, laterals 1—1, sometimes obsolete; muscular

impressions rounded, polished; pallial sinus very large; ligament on shortest side of the shell, sometimes internal. Structure obscurely prismatic-cellular; prisms fusiform, nearly parallel with surface, radiating from the hinge in the outer layer, transverse in the inner.

*Animal* with the mantle widely open in front, its margins fringed; foot tongue-shaped, compressed; siphons separate, very long and slender; palpi large, triangular; gills united posteriorly, unequal, the outer pair sometimes directed dorsally.

The Tellens are found in all seas, chiefly in the littoral and laminarian zones; they frequent sandy bottoms, or sandy mud, burying beneath the surface; a few species inhabit estuaries and rivers. Their valves are often richly coloured and ornamented with finely sculptured lines.

### TELLINA, L. Tellen.

*Etymology*, *Telline*, the Greek name for a kind of mussel.

*Synonyms*, *Peronæa* (*part*) Poli. *Phylloda* (*foliacea*), *Omala* (*planata*) Schumacher. *Psammotea* (*solidula*) Turt. *Arco-pagia* (*crassa*) Leach. *Tellinodora*, Mörch.

*Examples*, *T. lingua-felis*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 5. *T. carnaria*, Fig. 6.

*Shell* slightly inequivalve, compressed, rounded in front, angular and slightly folded posteriorly, umbones sub-central; teeth 2.2, laterals 1—1, most distinct in the right valve; pallial sinus very wide and deep; ligament external, prominent.

*Animal* with slender, diverging siphons, twice as long as the shell, their orifices plain; foot broad, pointed, compressed; palpi very large, triangular; gills small, soft and very minutely striated, the other rudimental and directed dorsally.

*Tellinides*, Lamarck. *T. planissima*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 7. Valves with no posterior fold; lateral teeth wanting.

*T. carnaria* (*Strigilla*, Turt.) has the valves obliquely sculptured; *T. fabula*, Gron., has the right valve striated, the other plain. *T. Burneti*, California, has the right valve flat; *T. lunulata*, Pliocene, South Carolina, much resembling it in shape, has the left valve flat.

*Distribution*, above 300 species. In all seas, especially the Indian Ocean; most abundant and highly coloured in the tropics. Low water — Coral zone, 50 fathoms. Wellington Channel; Kara Sea; Behring's Straits; Baltic; Black Sea.

*Fossil*, 170 species. Oolites—. United States, South America (*Chiloe*), Europe.

## GASTRANA, Schumacher.

*Synonyms*, *Fragilia*, Desh. *Diodonta*, F. and H., not Schumacher.

*Type*, *Tellina fragilis*, L. Pl. XXI., Fig. 8.

*Shell*, equivalve, convex, with squamose lines of growth; cardinal teeth 2 in right valve, 1 bifid tooth in left; pallial sinus deep and rounded; umbonal area punctate; ligament external.

*Animal* with the mantle open in front, its margins fringed; siphons elongated, slender, separate, unequal, orifices with cirri; foot small, compressed, linguiform; palpi large, triangular; gills unequal, soft, finely striated.

*Gastrana* inhabits shallow water, boring in mud and clay, and not travelling about like the *Tellens*.

*Distribution*, 3 species. Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Black Sea, Senegal, Cape.

*Fossil*, Miocene—. Britain, France, Belgium.

## CAPSULA, Schumacher.

*Etymology*, Dimin. of *capsa*, a box.

*Synonyms*, *Capsa* (part), Brug. 1791. *Sanguinolaria*, Lamarck, 1818, not 1801.

*Type*, *C. rugosa*, Pl. XX., Fig. 19. (= *Venus deflorata*, Gmel).

*Shell* oblong, ventricose, slightly gaping at each end; radiately striated; cardinal teeth 2 in each valve, one of them bifid; ligament external, large, prominent; siphonal inflection short.

*Animal* like *Psammobia*; foot moderate; gills deeply plaited, attenuated in front, outer small, dorsal border wide, fixed; siphons moderate.

*Distribution*, 4 species. West Indies, Red Sea, India, China, Australia.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Carb. —. United States, Europe. (D'Orb.)

## QUENSTEDTIA, Morris and Lycett.

Hinge in left valve with obtuse, oblong, transverse teeth; pallial sinus small; ligament in a narrow groove; cardinal teeth 0.1.

## PSAMMOBIA, Lamarck. Sunset-shell.

*Etymology*, *psammos*, sand, *bio*, to live.

*Synonyms*, *Psammotea (zonalis)* Lamarck. *Psammocola*, H. Gari, Schumacher.



Fig. 262. *Psammobis vespertina*, Chemn. & Brit.

*Example*, *P. Ferroënsis*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 9. *P. squamosa*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 10. *P. pallida*, Fig. 263. *P. vespertina*, Fig. 262.

*Shell* oblong, compressed, slightly gaping at both ends; hinge-teeth  $\frac{2}{1}$ ; ligament external, prominent; siphonal inflection deep, in contact with the pallial line; epidermis often dark.

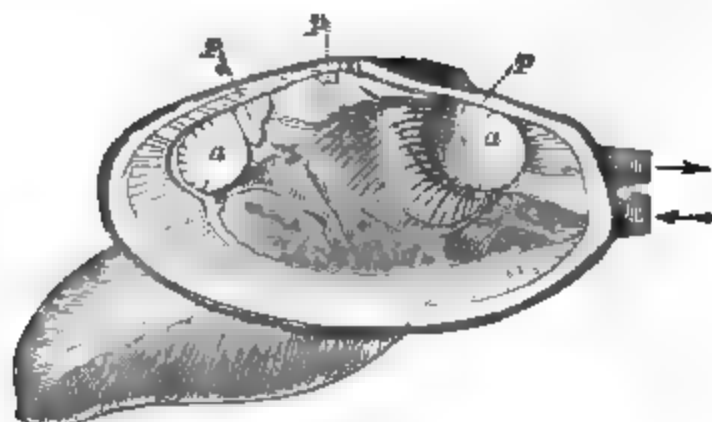


Fig. 263. *Psammobis pallida*, Desh. Red Sea. Left valve, part of the mantle, and retractor of the siphons removed. Siphons much contracted; *a, a*, adductors, *p, p*, pedal muscles.

*Animal*, mantle open, fringed; siphons very long, slender, nearly equal, longitudinally ciliated, orifices with 6—8 cirri; foot large, tongue-shaped; palpi long, tapering; gills unequal, recumbent, few plaited.

*Distribution*, 50 species. Norway, Britain, India, New Zealand, Pacific. Littoral — coralline zone, 100 fathoms. *P. gari* is eaten in India.

*Fossil*, 55 species. Oolite? Eocene—. United States, Europe.

#### SANGUINOLARIA, Lamarck.

*Name*, from the type, *Solen sanguinolentus*, Chemn.

*Synonyms*, *Soletellina (diphos)*, Bl. *Lobaria*, Schumacher. *Aulus*, Oken.

*Example*, *S. livida*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 1. *S. diphos*, Fig. 2. *S. orbiculata*, Fig. 3.

*Shell* oval, compressed, rounded in front, attenuated and slightly gaping behind; hinge-teeth  $\frac{2}{3}$ , small; siphonal inflection very deep, connected with the pallial line; ligament external, on very prominent fulcra.

*Animal*, mantle open, fringed; siphons very long, branchial largest orifices fringed; foot large, broadly tongue-shaped, compressed; palpi long pointed; gills recumbent, inner laminæ free, dorsal border wide.

*Distribution*, 20 species. West Indies, Red Sea, India, Madagascar, Japan; Australia, Tasmania, Peru.

*Fossil*, 30 species. Eocene—. United States, Europe.

#### SEMELE, Schumacher, 1817.

*Etymology*, *Semele*, in Greek myth. the mother of Bacchus.

*Synonym*, *Amphidesma*, Lamarck, 1818.\*

*Type*, *S. reticulata*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 11.

*Shell* rounded, sub-equilateral, beaks turned forwards; posterior side slightly folded; hinge-teeth 2.2, laterals elongated, distinct in the right valve; external ligament short, cartilage internal, long, oblique; pallial sinus deep, rounded.

*Distribution*, 60 species. West Indies, Brazil, India, China, Australia, Peru.

*Fossil*, 30 species. Eocene—. United States, Europe.

*Sub-genera*. *Cumingia*, G. Sowerby. *C. lamellosa*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 12. *Shell* slightly attenuated and gaping behind, lamellated concentrically; cartilage-process prominent; pallial sinus very wide. *Distribution*, 10 species. In sponges, sand, and the fissures of rocks, — 7 fathoms. West Indies, India, Australia, West America. *Fossil*, Miocene—. Wilmington, North Carolina.

*Syndosmya*, Recluz. *Synonyms*, *Abra*, Leach MS. *Erycina* (part), Lamarck, 1805.† *Type*, *S. Alba*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 13. *Shell* small, oval, white and shining; posterior side shortest; umbones directed backwards; cartilage-process oblique; hinge-teeth minute or obsolete, laterals distinct; pallial sinus wide and shallow. *Animal* with the mantle open, fringed; siphons

\* The name *Amphi-desma*, as employed by Lamarck, included species of *Semele*, *Loripes*, *Syndosmya*, *Mesodesma*, *Thracia*, *Lyonsia*, and *Kellia*; in addition to which it has since been applied to some Oolitic *Myacites*.

† The name *Erycina* was originally applied by Lamarck to a number of minute fossil shells, including sp. of *Syndosmya*, *Venus*, *Lucina*, *Tellina*, *Astarte*, and *Kellia*. In 1808 Fabricius employed it for a well-known group of insects.

long, slender, diverging, anal shortest, orifices plain; foot large, tongue-shaped, pointed; palpi triangular, nearly as large as the gills; branchiæ unequal, triangular. *Distribution*, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Black Sea, India. The species are few, and mostly boreal, ranging from the laminarian zone to 180 fathoms. (Forbes.) They live buried in sand and mud, but when confined are able to creep up the sides of the vessel with their foot. (Bouchard.) *Fossil*, 6 species. Eocene—Britain, France.

*Scrobicularia*, Schumacher. *Synonyms*, *Trigonella* (part), Costa (not L.), *Ligula* (part), Mont. “Le Lavignon” (Reaumur), Cuv. *Listera*, Turt. (not R. Brown). *Lutricola*, Bl. *Macromya*, D’Orbigny (not Ag.) *Type*, *S. piperata* (Belon), Gmelin, Pl. XXI., Fig. 14. (See p. 60.) *Shell* oval, compressed, thin; sub-equilateral; ligament external, slight; cartilage-pit shallow, triangular; hinge-teeth small, 1 or 2 in each valve, laterals obsolete; pallial sinus wide and deep.

*Animal* with the mantle open, margins denticulated; siphons very long, slender, separate, orifices plain; foot large, tongue-shaped, compressed; palpi very large, triangular, gills minutely striated, the outer pair directed dorsally. Lives buried, vertically, in the mud of tidal estuaries, five or six inches deep. (Montagu.) The siphons can be extended to five or six times the length of the shell. (Deshayes.) The animal has a peppery taste, but is sometimes eaten on the coasts of the Mediterranean.

*Distribution*, 20 species. Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Senegal.

*Fossil*, 4 species. Tertiary. Europe.

### MESODESMA, Deshayes.

*Etymology*, *meso*, middle, *desma*, ligament.

*Synonyms*, *Eryx*, Sw. (not Daud.). *Paphia* (part), Lamarck, 1799 (see p. 464, note). *Erycina* (part), Lamarck, 1818 (not Lamarck, 1805, nor Fabr., 1808). “*Donacille*,” Lamarck, 1812 (not characterised)

*Examples*, *M. glabratum*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 15. *M. donacium*, Fig. 16.

*Shell* trigonal, thick, compressed, closed; ligament internal, in a deep central pit; a minute anterior hinge-tooth, and 1—1 lateral teeth in each valve; muscular scars deep; pallial sinus small.

*Animal* with mantle-margins plain; siphons short, thick, and

separate, orifices cirrated, branchial cirri dendritic; foot compressed, broadly lanceolate; gills large, unequal; palpi small.

*Sub-genus.* *Anapa*, Gray. *A. Smithii*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 17. Umbones anterior, siphonal inflection obsolete.

*Ceronia*, Gray. Lateral teeth marked with coarse oblique striæ.

? *Davila*, Gray. Laterals unequal; anterior teeth small and erect.

*Distribution*, 31 species. West Indies, Mediterranean, Crimea, India, New Zealand, Chili; sands at low water.

*Fossil*, 7 species. Neocomian—. United States, Europe. (*Donacilla*, D'Orbigny.)

### ERVILIA, Turton. Lentil-shell.

*Etymology*, *ervilia*, diminutive of *ervum*, the bitter-vetch.

*Type*, *E. nitens*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 18.

*Shell* minute, oval, close; cartilage in a central pit; right valve with a single prominent tooth in front and an obscure tooth behind; left valve with 2 obscure teeth; no lateral teeth; pallial sinus deep.

*Distribution*, 2 species. West Indies, Britain, Canaries, Mediterranean, Red Sea. —50 fathoms.

### DONAX, L. Wedge-shell.

*Example*, *D. denticulatus*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 19.

*Etymology*, *donax*, a sea-fish. (Pliny.)

*Synonyms*, *Chione*, Scop. *Cuneus*, Da Costa. *Capisterium*, Meuschen.\* *Latona* and *Hecuba*, Schum. *Egeria*, Lea (not Roissy).

*Shell* trigonal, wedge-like, closed; front produced, rounded; posterior side short, straight; margins usually crenulated; hinge-teeth 2.2; laterals 1—1 in each valve; ligament external, prominent; pallial sinus deep, horizontal.

*Animal* with the mantle fringed; siphons short and thick, diverging, anal orifice denticulated, branchial with pinnate cirri; foot very large, pointed, sharp-edged, projected quite in front; gills ample, recumbent, outer shortest; palpi small, pointed.

*Distribution*, 68 species. Norway, Baltic, — Black Sea, all tropical seas. In sands near low-water mark (—8 fathoms) buried an inch or two beneath the surface.

*Fossil*, 45 species. Carb.—. United States, Europe.

\* Meuschen was a Dutch auctioneer; the names occur in his "sale catalogues."  
*Idiotæ imposuere nomina absurda.* Linnæus.



*Sub-genera.* ? *Amphichaena*, Phil. A. Kindermanni, California. *Shell* oblong, nearly equilateral, gaping at each end; teeth  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; ligament external, pallial line sinuated.

*Iphigenia*, Schum. (Capsa, Lam., 1818, not 1801. Donacina, Fér.) I. *Brasiliensis*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 20. *Shell* nearly equilateral, smooth; hinge-teeth 2.2, one bifid, the other minute; laterals remote, obsolete in the left valve; margins smooth. *Distribution*, 5 species. West Indies, Brazil, West Africa, Pacific, Central America. Inhabits estuaries. *I. ventricosa*, Deshayes, is rayed like *Galatea*, and has its beaks eroded.

? *Isodonta* (Deshayesii). Buv. Bull. Soc. Geol. Oolite. France, England.

### GALATEA, Bruguière.

*Synonyms*, Egeria, Roissy. Potamophila, Sowerby. Megadesma, Bowdich.

*Type*, G. *reclusa*, Pl. XXI., Fig. 21.

*Shell* very thick, trigonal, wedge-shaped; epidermis smooth, olive; umbones eroded; hinge thick, teeth 1.2, laterals indistinct; ligament external, prominent; pallial sinus distinct.

*Animal* with the mantle open in front; siphons moderate, with 6—8 lines of cilia, orifices fringed; foot large, compressed; palpi long, triangular; gills unequal, united to the base of the siphons, the external pair divided into two nearly equal areas by a longitudinal furrow, indicating their line of attachment.

*Distribution*, 6 or 7 species? Nile, and rivers of West Africa.

### FAMILY XVII.—SOLENIIDÆ.

*Shell* elongated, gaping at the ends; ligament external; hinge-teeth usually 2.3, compressed, the posterior bifid. External shell layer with definite cell-structure, consisting of long prisms, very oblique to the surface, and exhibiting nuclei; inner layer nearly homogeneous.

*Animal* with a very large and powerful foot, more or less cylindrical; siphons short and united (in the typical Solens, with long shells) or longer and partly separate (in the shorter and more compressed genera); gills narrow, prolonged into the branchial siphon.

### SOLENI (Aristotle), L. Razor-fish.

*Type*, S. *siliqua*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 4.

*Synonyms*, Hypogæa, Poli. Vagina, Megerle. Ensis, Schum. Ensatella, Sw.

*Shell* very long, sub-cylindrical, straight, or slightly recurved, margins parallel, ends gaping; beaks terminal, or sub-central;

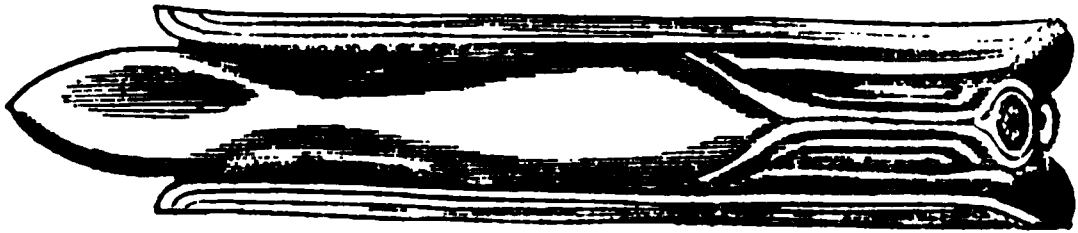


Fig. 284. *Solen siliqua*, L.  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; the valves forcibly opened, and mantle divided as far as the ventral foramen, to show the foot.

hinge-teeth  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; ligament long, external; anterior muscular impression elongated; posterior oblong; pallial line extending beyond the adductors; sinus short and square.

*Animal* with the mantle closed except at the front end, and a minute ventral opening; siphons short, united, fringed; palpi broadly triangular; foot cylindrical, obtuse.

*Distribution*, 33 species. World-wide except Arctic seas;—100 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 40 species. Carb.—. United States, Europe.

The Razor-fishes live buried vertically in the sand, at extreme low water, their position being only indicated by an orifice like a key-hole; when the tide goes out they sink deeper, often penetrating to a depth of one or two feet. They never voluntarily leave their burrows, but if taken out soon bury themselves again. They may be caught with a bent wire, and are excellent articles of food when cooked. (Forbes.)

#### CUTELLUS, Schumacher.

*Type*, *C. lacteus*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 5.

*Etymology*, *cutellus*, a knife.

*Shell* elongated, compressed, rounded and gaping at the ends; hinge-teeth 2.3; beaks in front of the centre, supported internally by an oblique rib; pedal impression behind the umbonal rib; posterior adductor trigonal; pallial line not prolonged behind the posterior adductor; sinus short and square.

*Animal* (of *C. Javanicus*) with short, fringed siphons; gills narrow, half as long as the shell, transversely plaited; palpi large, angular, broadly attached; foot large, abruptly truncated.

*Distribution*, 5 species. Africa, India, Nicobar.

*Sub-genera*. *Ceratisolen*, Forbes. (*Polia*, D'Orbigny. *Pharus*,

Leach, MS. *Solecurtoides*, Desm.) *C. legumen*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 6. *Shell* narrow, sub-equilateral, anterior adductor impressions elongated, a second pedal scar near the pallial sinus. *Animal* with a long, truncated foot; siphons separate, diverging, fringed. *Distribution*, 1 species. Britain, Mediterranean, Senegal, Red Sea. *Fossil*, 3 species. Pliocene—. Italy.

*Machæra*, Gould. (*Siliqua*, Megerle. *Leguminaria*, Schum.) *M. polita*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 7. *Shell* smooth, oblong; epidermis polished; umbonal rib extending across the interior of the valve; pallial sinus short. The animal, figured by Middendorff, is similar to *Solecurtus*. *Distribution*, India, China, Ochotsk, Oregon, Sitka, Behring's Sea, Newfoundland. *M. costata*, Say, is often obtained from the maw of the cod-fish. *Fossil*, 4 species. Upper Greensand—. Britain, France.

*Pharella*, Gray. *Shell* nearly cylindrical; anterior muscular impression elongated.

#### SOLECURTUS, Blainville.

*Etymology*, *solen* and *curtus*, short.

*Synonyms*, *Psammosolen*, Risso. *Macha*, Oken. *Siliquaria*, Schum. *Tagelus*, Gray.

*Examples*, *S. strigilatus*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 8. *S. Caribæus*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 9.

*Shell* elongated, rather ventricose, with sub-central beaks; margins sub-parallel; ends truncated, gaping; ligament prominent; hinge-teeth  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; pallial sinus very deep, rounded; posterior adductor rounded.

*Animal* very large and thick, not entirely retractile within the shell; mantle closed below; pedal orifice and foot large; palpi triangular, narrow, lamellated inside; gills long and narrow, outer much the shortest; siphons separate at the ends, united and forming a thick mass at their bases; anal orifices plain, branchial fringed.

The *Solecurti* bury deeply in sand or mud, usually beyond low water, and are difficult to obtain alive. *P. Caribæus* occurs in countless myriads in the bars of American rivers, and on the coast of New Jersey in sand exposed at low water; by removing three or four inches of sand its burrows may be discovered; they are vertical cylindrical cavities,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and 12 or more deep; the animal holds fast by the expanded end of its foot.

*Distribution*, 25 species. United States, Britain, Mediterranean, West Africa, Madeira.

*Fossil*, 30 species. Neocomian—. United States, Europe.

*Sub-genus. Novaculina*, Benson. *N. gangetica*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 10. *Shell* oblong, plain; epidermis thick and dull; pallial sinus rather small; anterior pedal scar linear. *Distribution*, India, China. In the mud of river-estuaries.

### FAMILY XVIII.—MYACIDÆ.

*Shell* thick, strong and opaque; gaping posteriorly; pallial line sinuated; epidermis wrinkled. Structure more or less distinctly cellular, with dark nuclei near the outer surface; cartilage process composed of radiated cells.

*Animal* with the mantle almost entirely closed; pedal aperture and foot small; siphons united, partly or wholly retractile; branchiæ two on each side, elongated.



Fig. 265. *Mya truncata*, L.  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Brit. (after Forbes.)

### MYA, L. Gaper.

*Etymology*, *myax* (-*acis*), a mussel. (Pliny.)

*Synonym*, *Platyodon*, Conrad.

*Types*, *M. truncata*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 1. *M. Arenaria*, Fig. 207, p. 396.

*Shell* oblong, inequivalve, gaping at the ends; left valve smallest, with a large flattened cartilage process; pallial sinus large.

*Animal* with a small straight linguiform foot; siphons combined, covered with epidermis, partially retractile; orifices fringed, the branchial opening with an inner series of large tentacular filaments; gills not prolonged into the siphon; palpi elongated, free.

*M. anatina*, Chemn. (*Tugonia*, Gray), West coast of Africa; posterior side extremely truncated; similar cartilage-processes in each valve. *Fossil*, Miocene; Dax, and the Morea

*Distribution*, 10 species. Northern Seas, West Africa, Philippines, Australia, California. The *Myas* frequent soft bottoms, especially the sandy and gravelly mud of river-mouths; they range from low water to 25 fathoms, rarely to 100 or 145,

fathoms. *M. arenaria* burrows a foot deep; this species and *M. truncata* are found throughout the northern and Arctic seas, from Ochotsk and Sitka to the Russian Ice-meer, the Baltic, and British coast; in the Mediterranean they are only found fossil. They are eaten in Zetland and North America, and are excellent articles of food. In Greenland they are sought after by the walrus, the Arctic fox, and birds. (*O. Fabricius.*)

*Fossil*, 17 species. Pliocene—. United States, Britain, Sicily. Most of the fossil "Myas" have an external ligament, and are related either to *Panopæa* or *Pholadomya*.

### CORBULA, Bruguière.

*Etymology*, *corbula*, a little basket.

*Type*, *C. sulcata*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 2.

*Synonyms*, *Erodona*, Daud. (=Pacyodon, Beck.) *Agina*, Turt.

*Shell* thick, inequivalve, gibbose, closed, produced posteriorly; right valve with a prominent tooth in front of the cartilage pit; left valve smaller, with a projecting cartilage process; pallial sinus slight; pedal scars distinct from the adductor impressions.

*Animal* with very short, united siphons; orifices fringed; anal valve tubular; foot thick and pointed; palpi moderate; gills 2 on each side, obscurely striated.

*Distribution*, 66 species. United States, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, West Africa, China. Inhabits sandy bottoms; lower laminarian zone—80 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 120 species. Inferior Oolite—. United States, Europe, India.

The external shell-layer consists of fusiform cells; the inner is homogeneous and adheres so slightly to the outer layer, that it is very frequently detached in fossil specimens. *Corbulomya*, Nyst (*C. complanata*, Sby.), Crag., Britain.

*Sub-genera*, *Potamomya*, J. Sowerby. *P. gregaria*, Eocene, Isle of Wight. Cartilage process broad and spatulate, received between two obscure teeth in the right valve. The estuary *Corbulæ* differ very little from the marine species. *P. labiata* (Azara, D'Orbigny), Pl. XXIII., Fig. 3, lives buried in the mud of the River Plata, but not above Buenos Ayres, and consequently in water which is very little influenced by the superficial ebb of the river. The same species is found in banks widely dispersed over the Pampas near San Pedro, and many places in the Argentine Republic, five yards above the river Parana. (Darwin.)

*Sphenia*, Turt. *S. Binghami*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 4. *Shell*

oblong; right valve with a curved, conic tooth in front of the oblique, sub-trigonal cartilage-pit. *Animal* with thick united siphons, fringed at the end, anal valve conspicuous; foot finger-like, with a byssal groove. *Distribution*, 2 species. Britain, France. Burrowing in oyster-shells and limestone, in 10—25 fathoms. *Fossil*, 20 species. Tertiary. Europe.

### NEÆRA, Gray.

*Etymology*, *Neæra*, a Roman lady's name.

*Type*, *N. cuspidata*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 5.

*Synonym*, *Cuspidaria*, Nardo.

*Shell* globular, attenuated, and gaping behind; right valve a little the smallest; umbones strengthened internally by a rib on the posterior side; cartilage process spatulate, in each valve (furnished with a movable ossicle,—Deshayes), with an obsolete tooth in front, and a posterior lateral tooth; pallial sinus very shallow.

*Animal* with the mantle closed; foot lanceolate; siphons short, united, branchial largest, anal with a membranous valve, both with a few long, lateral cirri.

*Distribution*, 22 species. Norway; Britain, Mediterranean, Canaries, Madeira, China, Moluccas, New Guinea, Chili. From 12—200 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 14 species. Oolite—. Britain, Belgium, Italy.

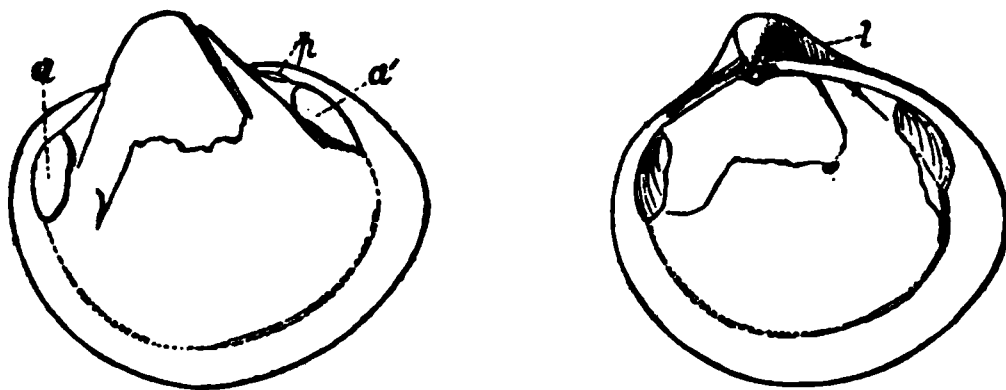


Fig. 266. *Thetis, minor*, Sby. Neocomian, I. Wight.

### THETIS, Sowerby.

*Etymology*, *Thetis*, in Greek mythology, a sea-nymph.

*Synonyms*, *Poromya* (anatinoides), Forbes. *Embla* (Koreni), Lovén? *Inoceramus* (impressus), D'Orb? *Corbula* (gigantea), Sby.

*Type*, *T. minor*, Fig. 266. *T. hyalina*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 11.

*Shell* sub-orbicular, ventricose, thin, translucent, surface regularly granulated, interior slightly nacreous; ligament (l)

external; hinge-teeth 1 or 2; umbones strengthened inside by a posterior lamina; adductor ( $a$ ,  $a'$ ) and pedal impressions ( $p$ ) separate, slightly impressed, posterior adductor bordered by a ridge; pallial line nearly simple, sub-marginal.

*Animal* with short siphons, the branchial largest, surrounded at their base by 18-20 tentacles, generally reflected on the shell; mantle open in front; foot long, narrow, and slender. (M'Andrew.)

*Distribution*, 5 species. Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Madeira, Borneo, China. 40—150 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 17 species. Neocomian—. Britain, Belgium, France, South India.

*Sub-genus?* *Eucharis*, Recluz; *Corbula quadrata*, Hinds, Guadaloupe. *Shell* equivalve, obliquely keeled, gaping; beaks anterior; hinge-teeth 1—1; ligament external; pallial line simple; surface granulated.

#### PANOPÆA, Menard de la Groye.

*Etymology*, *Panopè*, a Nereïd.

*Example*, *P. Americana*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 12.

*Synonym?* *Pachymya* (*gigas*), Sby. Upper Greensand. Britain, France.

*Type*, *P. glycimeris*. Fig. 267.

*Shell* equivalve, thick, oblong, gaping at each end; ligament external, on prominent ridges; 1 prominent tooth in each valve; pallial sinus deep.

*Animal* with very long, united siphons, invested with thick, wrinkled epidermis; pedal orifice small, foot short, thick, and grooved below; gills long and narrow, extending far into the branchial siphon, the outer pair much narrower than the inner, faintly pectinated; palpi long, pointed, and striated.

In *P. Norvegica* the pallial line is broken up into a few scattered spots, as in *Saxicava*; the animal itself is like a gigantic *Saxicava*. (Hancock.) This species ranges from Ochotsk to the White Sea, Norway, and North Britain; it was formerly an inhabitant of the Mediterranean, where it now occurs fossil. (= *P. Bivonæ*, Philippi.) The British specimens have been caught, accidentally, by the deep-water fishing-hooks. *P. Natalensis* is found at Port Natal, buried in the sand at low water; the projecting siphons first attracted attention (doubtless by the strong jets of water they sent up when molested), but the shells were only obtained by digging to the depth of several feet. The Mediterranean species *P. glycimeris* attains a length of 6 or 8 inches.

Fig. 267 represents the animal of *Panopæa glycimeris*, as seen on the removal of the left valve and thin part of the mantle. It was obtained on the coast of Sicily, and presented to the Gloucester Museum by Captain Guise.

Mantle and siphons covered with thick, dark, wrinkled epidermis; siphons united, thick, contractile; pedal orifice small, in the middle of the anterior gape; foot small (*f*), body oval (*b*), with a prominent heel; pallial muscle (*m*) continuous; with a deep siphonal inflection (*s*); lips broad and plain, palpi triangular, deeply plaited (*t*); gills unequal (much contracted in spirit), reaching the commencement of the siphons; inner gills prolonged between the palpi, plaits in pairs, each lamina being composed of vascular loops arranged side by side; margin grooved, dorsal border of inner lamina unattached; outer gills shorter and narrower, formed of a single series of branchial loops placed one behind the other, dorsal border wide and fixed.

*Distribution*, 11 species. Northern Seas, Mediterranean, Cape, Australia, New Zealand, Patagonia. Low water—90 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 140 species. Inferior Oolite—. United States, Europe, India.

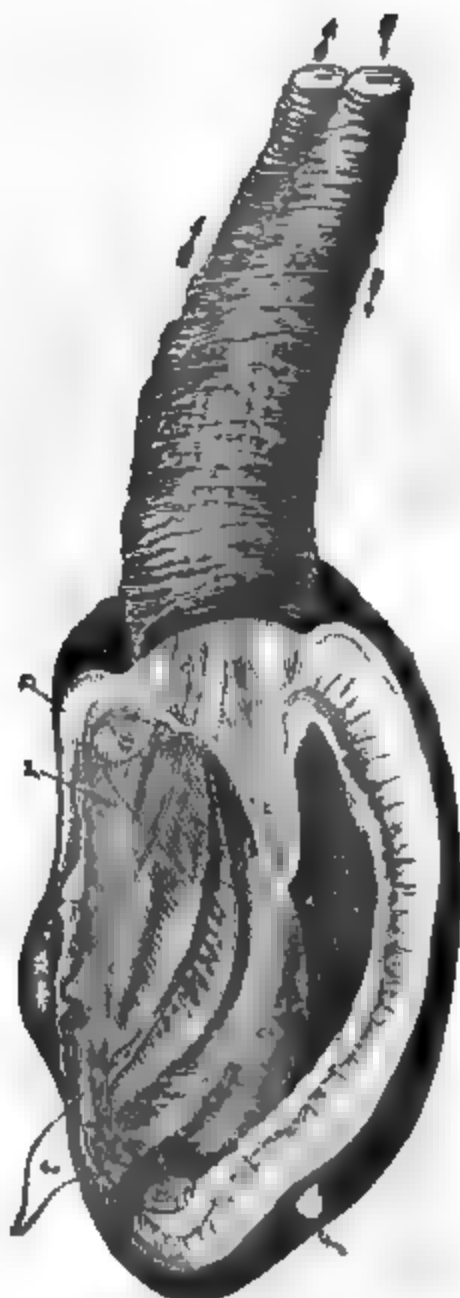


Fig. 267. *Panopæa Glycimeris*

$\frac{2}{3}$  The size of the original.

*a, a'*, adductor muscles; *p*, posterior pedal muscle; *r*, renal organ.

#### GLYCIMERIS, Lamarck.

*Etymology*, *glukus*, sweet, *meris*, bitter.

*Type*, *G. siliqua*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 14 and Fig. 268.

*Synonym*, *Cyrtodaria*, Daud.



Shell oblong, gaping at each end; posterior side shortest; ligament large and prominent; epidermis black, extending beyond the margins; anterior muscular scar long, pallial impression irregular, slightly sinuated.

Animal larger than its shell, sub-cylindrical; mantle closed, siphons united, protected by a thick envelope; orifices small;

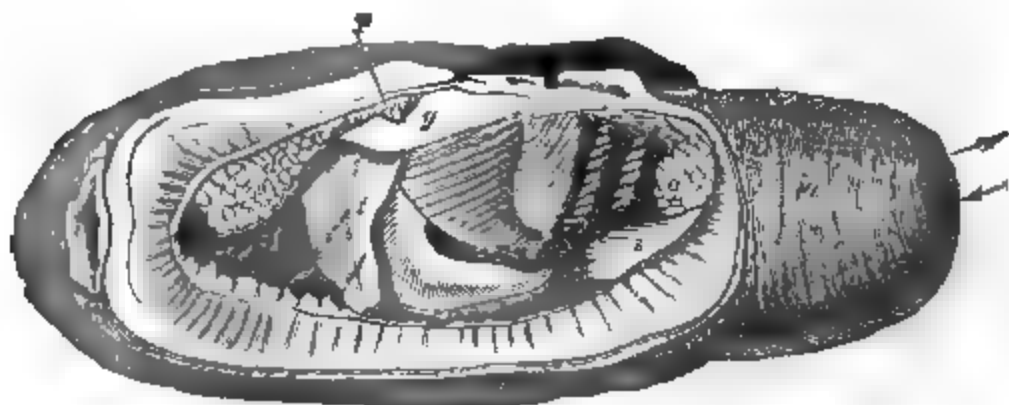


Fig. 268. *Glycimeris siliqua*, Chemn. Newfoundland.

a, a, adductor muscle; p, pedal muscle, s, siphonal muscle, f, foot; t, labial tentacles; g, gills, much contracted and crumpled.

pedal opening small anterior; foot conical; palpi large, striated inside, the posterior border plain; gills large, extending into the branchial siphon.

Distribution, 2 species. Arctic Seas, Cape Parry, North Western America, Newfoundland.

Fossil, Pliocene—. Britain, Belgium.

#### FAMILY XIX.—ANATINIDÆ.

Shell often inequivalve, thin; interior nacreous; surface granular; ligament external, thin; cartilage internal, placed in corresponding pits and furnished with a free ossicle; muscular impressions faint, the anterior elongated; pallial line usually sinuated.

Animal with mantle-margins united; siphons long, more or less united, fringed; gills single on each side, the outer lamina prolonged dorsally beyond the line of attachment.

*Pholadomya* and its fossil allies have an external ligament only; has no ossicle. The external surface of these shells is often rough with large calcareous cells, sometimes ranged in lines, and covered by the epidermis; the outer layer consists of polygonal cells, more or less sharply defined; the inner layer is nacreous.

## ANATINA, Lamarck. Lantern-shell.

**Type**, *A. rostrata*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 7. (*Anatinus*, pertaining to a duck.)

**Synonyms**, *Laternula*, Bolten MS. *Auriscalpium*, Muhlf. *Osteodesma*, Blainville. *Cyathodonta* (*undulata*), Conrad? West America.

**Shell** oblong, ventricose, sub-equivalve, thin and translucent, posterior side attenuated and gaping; umbones fissured, directed backwards, supported internally by an oblique plate; hinge with a spoon-shaped cartilage process in each valve, furnished in front with a transverse ossicle; pallial sinus wide and shallow.

**Animal** with a closed mantle and long united siphons, clothed with wrinkled epidermis; gills one on each side, thick, deeply plaited; palpi very long and narrow; pedal opening minute, foot very small, compressed.

**Distribution**, 20 species. India, Philippines, New Zealand, West America.

**Fossil**, 50 species. Devonian?—Oolite—. United States, Europe.

**Sub-genera**. *Periploma* (*inequivalvis*), Schum. "Spoon-hinge" of Petiver; oval, inequivalve, left valve deepest; posterior side very short and contracted. **Distribution**, West Indies, South America.

***Cochlodesma***, Couthouy. *C. prætenue*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 8. (*Bontia*, Leach MS. *Ligula*, Mont., part.) Oblong, compressed, thin, slightly inequivalve; umbones fissured; cartilage processes prominent, ossicle minute; pallial sinus deep. **Animal** with a broad, compressed foot; siphons long, slender, divided throughout; gills one on each side, deeply plaited, divided by an oblique furrow into two parts, the dorsal portion being narrower, composed of a single lamina only, and attached by its whole inner surface. (Hancock.) **Distribution**, 2 species. United States, Britain, Mediterranean. **Fossil**, Pliocene, Sicily.

***Cercomya***, Agassiz. *C. undulata*, Sowerby. (= *Rhynchomya*, Agassiz.) **Shell** very thin, elongated, compressed, attenuated posteriorly; sides concentrically furrowed, umbones fissured, posterior (cardinal) area more or less defined. **Fossil**, 12 species. Oolite—Neocomian. Europe.

## THRACIA (Leach), Blainville.

**Synonyms**, *Odoncinetus*, Costa. *Corimya*, Agassiz. *Rupiccla* (*concentrica*), Bellevue.

*Type*, *T. pubescens*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 9.

*Shell* oblong, nearly equivalve, slightly compressed, attenuated and gaping posteriorly, smooth, or minutely scabrous; cartilage processes thick, not prominent, with a crescentic ossicle; pallial sinus shallow. Outer shell layer composed of distinct, nucleated cells.

*Animal* with the mantle closed; foot linguiform; siphons rather long, separate, with fringed orifices; gills single, thick, plaited; palpi narrow, pointed.

*T. concentrica* and *T. distorta*, Mont., are found in the crevices of rocks, and burrows of *Saxicava*; they have been mistaken for boring-shells.

*Distribution*, 17 species. Greenland, United States, Norway, Britain, Mediterranean, Canaries, China, Sooloo; 4—110 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 36 species. (Trias?) Lower Oolite—. United States, Europe.

#### PHIOLADOMYA, G. Sowerby.

*Recent Type*, *P. candida*. Pl. XXII., Fig. 15. I. Tortola.

*Shell* oblong, equivalve, ventricose, gaping behind; thin and translucent, ornamented with radiating ribs on the sides; ligament external; hinge with one obscure tooth in each valve; pallial sinus large.

*Animal* with a single gill on each side, thick, finely plaited, grooved along its free border, the outer lamina prolonged dorsally; mantle with a fourth (ventral) orifice. (Owen.)

*Distribution*, 1 species. Tropical Africa.

*Fossil*, 160 species. Lias—. United States, Europe, Algeria, Thibet.

*Homomya* (*hortulana*), Agassiz. *Shell* thick, concentrically furrowed, without radiating ribs; 12 species. Oolites, Europe.

*Tyleria*, Adams. Cartilage inserted in a spoon-shaped hollow; interior of shell with a layer of carbonate of lime between the spoon-shaped hollow and the anterior edge.

#### MYACITES (Schlotheim), Bronn.

*Synonyms*, *Myopsis* (Jurassi), Agassiz. *Pleuromya*, Agassiz. *Arcomya* (*Helvetica*), Agassiz. *Mactromya* (*mactroides*), Ag. *Anoplomya* (*lutraria*), Krauss.

*Example*, *M. sulcatus*, Fleming. (*Allorisma*, King, Pal. Tr., 1850, Pl. XX., Fig. 5.)

*Shell* oblong, ventricose, gaping, thin, often concentrically

furrowed; umbones anterior; surface granulated; ligament external; hinge with an obscure tooth or edentulous; muscular impressions faint; pallial line deeply sinuated.

*Fossil*, 50 species. Lower Silurian—Lower Chalk. United States, Europe, South Africa.

*Sub-genera* ? *Goniomya*, Agassiz. *Mya literata*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 16. (*Lysianassa*, Münster, not M. Edwards.) *Shell* equi-valve, thin, granulated; ligament external, short, prominent. *Fossil*, 33 species. Upper Lias—Chalk. Europe.

*Tellinomya* (*nasuta*), Hall; Silurian, United States, Europe. Not characterised.

? *Grammysia*, Verneuil. *Nucula cingulata*, His. Upper Silurian, Europe. Valves with a strong transverse fold extending from the umbones to the middle of the ventral margin.

? *Sedgwickia* (*corrugata*), M'Coy. = ? *Leptodonus* (*senilis*), M'Coy. *Shell* thin, ventricose, concentrically furrowed in front; escutcheon long and flat. Silurian—Carb. Europe.

#### RIBEIRIA, Sharpe, 1853.

*Shell* gaping at both ends; sub-ovate, rounded in front, elongated and rather attenuated behind; punctate-striate; casts of interior with a large umbonal impression (caused by a cartilage-plate, as in *Lyonsia* ?) and a notch in front of it.

*Fossil*. Lower Silurian. Portugal.

#### CEROMYA, Agassiz.

*Etymology*, *keraos*, horned, *mya*, mussel.

*Type*, *C. concentrica* (*Isocardia*) Sowerby, Min. Con. 491, Fig. 1.

*Shell* *Isocardia*-shaped, slightly inequivalve? very thin, granulated, often eccentrically furrowed; ligament external; hinge edentulous; right valve with an internal lamina behind the umbo; pallial line scarcely sinuated?

*Fossil*, 14 species. Inferior Oolite—. Greensand? Europe.

*Sub-genus* ? *Gresslya* (*sulcosa*) Ag. (*Amphidesma* and *Unio*, species, Philippi). *Shell* oval, rather compressed; umbones anterior, incurved, not prominent; valves thin, close, smooth or concentrically furrowed; pallial sinus deep. *Fossil*, 50 species. Lias—Portlandian. Europe. The lamina within the posterior hinge-margin of the right valve produces a furrow in the casts, which are more common than specimens retaining the shell.

*Fossil?* Miocene—. Europe. (100 species. Lower Silurian—. D'Orbigny.)

? *Entodesma* (Chilensis), Phil. *Shell* thin, saxicava-shaped, slightly inequivalve and gaping, covered with thick epidermis; hinge edentulous; each valve with a semicircular process containing the cartilage.

#### PANDORA (Solander), Bruguière.

*Type*, *P. rostrata*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 11. (*Pandora*, the Grecian Eve.)

*Shell* inequivalve, thin, pearly inside; valves close, attenuated behind; right valve flat, with a diverging ridge and cartilage furrows; left valve convex, with two diverging grooves at the hinge; pallial line slightly sinuated. Outer layer of regular, vertical, prismatic cells, 250 times smaller than those of *Pinna* (Fig. 217). (Carpenter.)

*Animal* with mantle closed, except a small opening for the narrow, tongue-shaped foot; siphons very short, united nearly throughout, ends diverging, fringed; palpi triangular, narrow; gills plaited, one on each side, with a narrow dorsal border.

*Distribution*, 18 species. United States, Spitzbergen, Jersey, Canaries, India, New Zealand, Panama; 4—110 fathoms, burrowing in sand and mud.

*Fossil*, 14 species. Carb.—. United States, Britain.

#### MYADORA, Gray.

*Type*, *M. brevis*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 12.

*Shell* trigonal, rounded in front, attenuated and truncated behind; right valve convex, left flat; interior pearly; cartilage narrow, triangular, between two tooth-like ridges in the left valve, with a free sickle-shaped ossicle; pallial line sinuated; structure like *Anatina*; outer cells large, rather prismatic.

*Distribution*, 10 species. New Zealand, New South Wales, Philippines.

#### MYOCHAMA, Stutchbury.

*Type*, *M. anomioides*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 13.

*Shell* inequivalve, attached by the dextral valve and modified by form of surface of attachment; posterior side attenuated; left valve gibbose; cartilage internal, between two tooth-like projections in each valve, and furnished with a movable ossicle; anterior muscular impression curved, posterior rounded, pallial sinus small.

*Animal* with mantle-lobes united; pedal opening and siphon;

surrounded by separate areas ; siphons distinct, unequal, small, slightly fringed ; a minute fourth orifice close to the base of the branchial siphon ; visceral mass large, foot small and conical ; mouth rather large, upper lip hood-like ; palpi tapering, few-plaited ; gills one on each side, triangular, plaited, divided by an oblique line into two portions ; excurrent channels four, two at the base of the gills and two below the dorsal laminae. (Hancock, An. Nat. Hist., 1853.)

*Distribution*, 5 species. New South Wales ; attached to *Crassatella* and *Trigonia*, in 8 fathoms water ; the fry (as indicated by the umbones) is free, regular, and Myadora-shaped.

### CHAMOSTREA, Roissy.

*Type*, *C. albida*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 14.

*Synonym*, *Cleidothærus*, Stutch.

*Shell* inequivalve, chama-shaped, solid, attached by the anterior side of the deep and strongly-keeled doxtral valve ; umbones anterior, sub-spiral ; left valve flat, with a conical tooth in front of the cartilage ; cartilage internal, with an oblong, curved ossicle ; muscular impressions large and rugose, the anterior very long and narrow ; pallial line simple.

*Animal* with mantle-lobes united by their extreme edge between the pedal orifice and siphons ; pedal opening small, with a minute ventral orifice behind it ; siphons a little apart, very short, denticulated ; body oval, terminating in a small, compressed foot ; lips bilobed, palpi disunited, rather long and obtusely pointed ; gills one on each side, large, oval, deeply plaited, prolonged in front between the palpi, united posteriorly ; each gill traversed by an oblique furrow, the dorsal portion consisting of a single lamina with a free margin. (Hancock, An. Nat. Hist., Feb., 1853.)

*Distribution*, 1 species. New South Wales.

### FAMILY XX.—GASTROCHLÆNIDÆ.

*Shell* equivalve, gaping ; valves thin, edentulous, united by a ligament, sometimes cemented to a shelly tube when adult ; adductor impressions 2, pallial line sinuated.

*Animal* elongated, truncated in front, produced behind into two very long, united, contractile siphons, with cirrated orifices ; mantle-margins very thick in front, united, leaving a small opening for the finger-like root ; gills narrow, prolonged into the branchial siphon.

The shell-fish of this family, the *tubicolidæ* of Lamarck, are

burrowers in mud or stone. They are often gregarious, living in myriads near low-water line, but are extracted from their abodes with difficulty.

### GASTROCHÆNA, Spengler, 1783.

*Type*, *G. modiolina*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 15. (*Gaster*, ventral, *chæna*, gape.)

*Shell* regular, wedge-shaped, umbones anterior; gaping widely in front, close behind; ligament narrow, external; pallial sinus deep.

*Animal* with mantle closed, and thickened in front; foot finger-like, grooved, sometimes byssiferous; siphons long, separate only at their extremities; lips simple, palpi sickle-shaped, gills unequal, prolonged freely into the branchial siphon.

*G. modiolina* perforates shells and limestone; its holes are regular, about 2 inches deep and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch diameter; the external orifice is hour-glass shaped, and lined with a shelly layer which projects slightly. When burrowing in oyster-shells it often passes quite through into the ground below, and then completes its abode by cementing such loose material as it finds into a flask-shaped case, having its neck fixed in the oyster-shell; in some fossil species the siphons were more separated, and the flasks have two diverging necks. The siphonal orifices are rarely 4-lobed; Pl. XXIII., Fig. 15 a.

*Distribution*, 10 species. West Indies, Britain, Canaries, Mediterranean, Red Sea, India, Mauritius, Pacific Islands, Gallapagos, Panama;—30 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 20 species. Inf. Oolite—. United States, Europe.

*Sub-genus*. *Chæna*, Retz., 1788. *C. mumia*. Pl. XXIII., Fig. 16. (= *Fistulana clava*, Lam.) *Shell* elongated, contained within a shelly tube; posterior adductor nearly central, with a pedal scar in front; siphonal inflection angular, with its apex joining the pallial line. Tube round, straight, tapering upwards, transversely striated, closed at the lower end when complete, and furnished with a perforated diaphragm behind the valves. *Distribution*, 3 species. Madagascar, India, Philippines, Australia; burrowing in sand or mud. *Fossil*, Inf. Oolite—. United States, Europe, Southern India.

### SAXICAVA, Bellevue.

*Etymology*, *saxum*, stone, *cavo*, to excavate. *S. rugosa*, Pl. XXII., Fig. 13.

*Synonyms*, Byssomya, Cuv. Rhomboides, Bl. *Hiatella* (minuta), Daud., Biapholius, Leach. *Arcinella* (carinata), Phil.

*Shell* when young symmetrical, with 2 minute teeth in each valve; adult rugose, toothless; oblong, equivalve, gaping, ligament external; pallial line sinuated, not continuous.

*Animal* with mantle-lobes united and thickened in front; siphons large, united nearly to their ends, orifices fringed; pedal opening small, foot finger-like, with a byssal groove; palpi small, free; gills narrow, unequal, united behind and prolonged into the branchial siphon.

Five genera and 15 species have been manufactured out of varieties and conditions of this Protean shell. It is found in crevices of rocks and corals, and amongst the roots of sea-weed, or burrowing in limestone and shells; at Harwich it bores in the cement stone (clay iron-stone), at Folkestone in the Kentish-rag, and the Portland stone employed in the Plymouth Breakwater has been much wasted by it. Its crypts are sometimes 6 inches deep (Couch); they are not quite symmetrical, and like those of the *Lithodomus*, are inclined at various angles, so as to invade one another, the last comers cutting quite through their neighbours; they are usually fixed by the byssus to a small projection from the side of the cell. The *Saxicava* ranges from low water to 140 fathoms; it is found in the Arctic Seas, where it attains its largest size; in the Mediterranean, at the Canaries, and the Cape. It occurs fossil in the Miocene tertiary of Europe and in the United States, and in all the glacial deposits.

#### CLAVAGELLA, Lamarck.

*Example*, *C. bacillaris*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 17.

*Shell* oblong, valves flat, often irregular or rudimentary, the left cemented to the side of the burrow, when adult, the right always free; anterior muscular impression small, posterior large, pallial line deeply sinuated. Tube cylindrical, more or less elongated, sometimes divided by a longitudinal partition; often furnished with a succession of siphonal fringes above, and terminating below in a disk, with a minute central fissure, and bordered with branching tubuli.

*Animal* with the mantle closed in front, except a minute slit for the foot, and furnished with tentacular processes; palpi long and slender; gills 2 on each side, elongated, narrow (floating freely in the branchial siphon?).

Some specimens of the recent *C. aperta* have 3 frills to their tubes, *C. bacillaris* has twice that number occasionally. They



are formed by the siphonal orifices when the animal continues elongating, after having fixed its valve and ceased to burrow; or perhaps, in some instances, when it is compelled to lengthen its tubes upwards by the accumulation of sediment. Brocchi mentions that on breaking the tube of the fossil *C. echinata*, he sometimes found the shell of a *Saxicava* or *Petricola* beside the loose valve of the *Clavagella*, into whose tube they must have entered after its death. *C. elongata* is found in coral; *C. australis* lives at low tide, and spirts out water when alarmed.

*Distribution*, 6 species. Mediterranean, Australia, Pacific:—11 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 14 species. U. Greensand—. Britain, Sicily, Southern India.

#### ASPERGILLUM, Lam. Watering-pot shell.

*Type*, *A. vaginiferum*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 18.

*Synonym*, *Clepsydra*, Schum.

*Shell* small, equilateral, cemented to the lower end of a shelly tube, the umbones alone visible externally; tube elongated, closed below by a perforated disk with a minute central fissure; siphonal end plain or ornamented with (1—8) ruffles.

*Animal* elongated; mantle closed, thickened and fringed with filaments in front; foot conical, anterior, opposed to a minute slit in the mantle; palpi lanceolate; gills long, narrow, united posteriorly, continued into and attached to the branchial siphon.

*Distribution*, 21 species. Red Sea, Java, Australia, New Zealand; in sand.

*Fossil*, 1 species. (A? Leognanum, Hœning. Miocene, Bordeaux.)

#### HUMPHREYIA, Gray.

*Shell* developed in the substance of the siphons, which grow with the ventral side uppermost.

*Distribution*, 1 species. South Sea.

#### FAMILY XXI.—PHOLADIDÆ.

*Shell* gaping at both ends; thin, white, brittle, and exceedingly hard; armed in front with rasp-like imbrications; without hinge or ligament, but often strengthened externally by accessory valves; hinge-plate reflected over the umbones, and a long curved muscular process beneath each; anterior muscular impression on the hinge-plate; pallial sinus very deep.

*Animal* club-shaped, or worm-like; foot short and truncated;

The common piddock is used for bait on the Devon coast; its foot is white and translucent when fresh, like a piece of ice; the *hyaline stylet* (p. 22) lodged in it, is large and curious. *P. costata* is sold in the market of Havannah, where it is an article of food.

*P. dactylus* has two accessory valves to protect the umbonal muscle, with a small transverse plate behind; a long unsym-

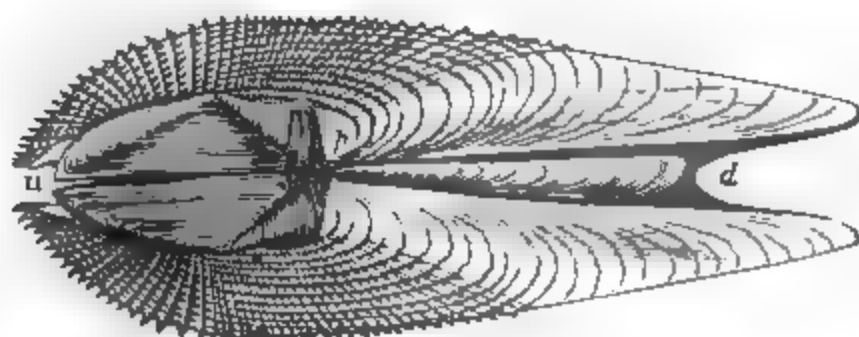


Fig. 269. *Pholas dactylus*. Chalk, Sussex Coast.  
u, umbonal valves; p, post-umbonal valve; d, dorsal valve.

metrical plate fills up the space between the valves in the dorsal region. *P. candida* and *parva* have a single umbonal shield, and no dorsal plate; these differences are only of *specific* value. In *P. crispata*, L. (*Zirfaea*, Leach), the umbonal shield is not distinctly calcified, but there is a small posterior plate; the surface of the valves is divided into two areas by a transverse furrow.

*Distribution*, 32 species. United States, Norway, Britain, Western Africa, Mediterranean, Crimea, India, Australia, New Zealand, Western America:—25 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 25 species. (U. Lias—) Eocene—. United States, Europe. The secondary species belong to the next group.

#### PHOLADIDEA, Turton, 1819.

*Type*, *P. papyracea*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 20.

*Shell* globose-oblong, with a transverse furrow; anterior gape large, closed in the adult by a callous plate; 2 minute accessory valves in front of the beaks.

*Animal* with a fringed disk at the end of the combined siphons, and a horny cup at their base.

*Distribution*, 7 species. Britain, New Zealand, Ecuador. Low tides—10 fathoms.

*Sub-genera*, *Martesia* (Leach), Bl. 1825. *M. striata*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 21. Valves lengthened behind, when full grown, by a plain border; umbonal valves 1 or 2; dorsal and ventral margins often with narrow accessory valves. 11 species. *West Indies*, *Africa*, *India*. *M. striata* burrows in hard timber.

*M. terediniiformis* was found in cakes of floating wax on the coast of Cuba. (G. B. Sby.) *M. australis* in (fossil ?) resin, on the coast of Australia. *M. rivicola* in timber twelve miles from the sea, in Borneo. *M. scutata*, Eocene, Paris, lines its burrow with shell.

*Jouannetia* (semicaudata), Desm. (Pholadopsis, Conrad; Triomphalia, Sby.) *Shell* very short, sub-globose; right valve longest behind; anterior opening closed by a callous plate developed from the left valve overlapping the margin of the right valve, and fixed to the single unsymmetrical umbonal plate. *Distribution*, 4 species. Philippines, Western America. *Fossil*, Miocene —. France.

*Parapholas*, Conrad, *P. bisulcata*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 22. Valves with 2 radiating furrows. *Distribution*, 4 species. Panama, Torres Straits.

### XYLOPHAGA, Turton.

*Etymology*, *xulon*, wood, *phago*, to eat.

*Types*, *X. dorsalis*, Pl. XXIII., Fig. 23; *X. globosa*, Sly. Valparaiso.

*Shell* globular, with a transverse furrow; gaping in front, closed behind; pedal processes short and curved; anterior margins reflected, covered by 2 small accessory valves; burrow oval, lined with shell.

*Animal* included within the valves, except the slender contractile siphons, which are furnished with pectinated ridges, and divided at the end; foot thick, very extensile.

*Distribution*, 2 species. Norway, Britain, South America. Bores an inch deep, and across the grain, in floating wood, and timbers which are always covered by the sea.

### TEREDO (Pliny), Adanson.

*Type*, *T. Norvegica*, Pl. XXIII., Figs. 26, 27.

*Synonyms*, *Septaria*, Lamarck. *Hyperotis*, Guettard.

*Shell*, globular, open in front and behind, lodged at the inner extremity of a burrow partly or entirely lined with shell; valves 3 lobed, concentrically striated, and with one transverse furrow; hinge-margins reflected in front marked by the anterior muscular impressions; umbonal cavity with a long curved muscular process.

*Animal* worm-like; mantle-lobes united, thickened in front, with a minute pedal opening; foot sucker-like, with a foliaceous border; viscera included in the valves, heart not pierced by the intestine; mouth with palpi; gills long, cord-like, extending

into the siphonal tube; siphons very long, united nearly to the end, attached at the bifurcation and furnished with 2 shelly pallets or styles; orifices fringed.

*T. Navalis* is ordinarily a foot long, sometimes  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet; it destroys soft wood rapidly, and teak and oak do not escape; it

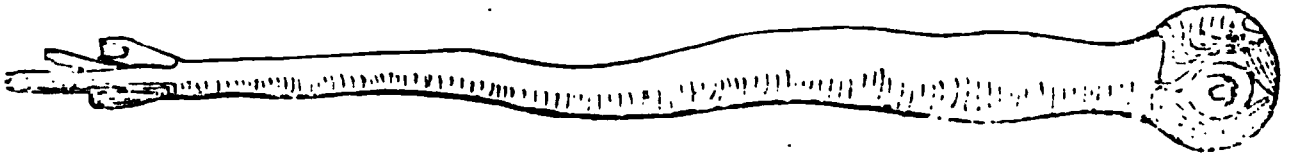


Fig. 270. Ship-worm, *Teredo Norvegica*, removed from its burrow.

always bores in the direction of the grain unless it meets the tube of another *Teredo*, or a knot in the timber.\* In 1731-2 it did great damage to the piles in Holland, and caused still more alarm; metal sheathing and broad-headed iron nails have been found most effectual in protecting piers and ship-timbers. The *Teredo* was first recognised as a bivalve mollusc by Sellius, who wrote an elaborate treatise on the subject in 1733. (Forbes.)

*T. corniformis*, Lamarck, is found burrowing in the husks of cocoa-nuts and other woody fruits floating in the tropical seas; its tubes are extremely crooked and contorted, for want of space. The fossil wood and palm-fruits (*Nipadites*) of Sheppy and Brabant are mined in the same way. The tube of the giant *Teredo* (*T. arenaria*, Rumph. Furcella, Lamarck) is often a yard long and 2 inches in its greatest diameter; when broken across it presents a radiating prismatic structure. The siphonal end is divided lengthwise, and sometimes prolonged into two diverging tubes. *T. Norvegica* and *T. nana* are divided longitudinally and also concamerated by numerous, incomplete transverse partitions at the posterior extremity.

*T. palmulata* (*Xylotrya*, Leach) has the siphonal pallets elongated and penniform (Pl. XXIII., Fig. 28); a species with similar styles occurs in the fossil wood of the Greensand of Blackdown.

*Distribution*, 21 species. Norway, Britain, Black Sea; Tropics:—119 fathoms.

*Fossil*, 24 species. Lias—. United States, Europe.

*Sub-genus*. *Teredina*, Lamarck. *T. personata*, Pl. XXIII., Figs. 24, 25. Eocene, Britain, France. *Valves* with an accessory plate in front of the umbones; free when young. The tube is sometimes concamerated; its siphonal end is often truncated; and the opening contracted by a lining which makes it hour-glass shaped, or six-lobed (Fig. 25 a.).

\* The operations of the *Teredo* suggested to Mr. Brunel his method of tunnelling the Thames.

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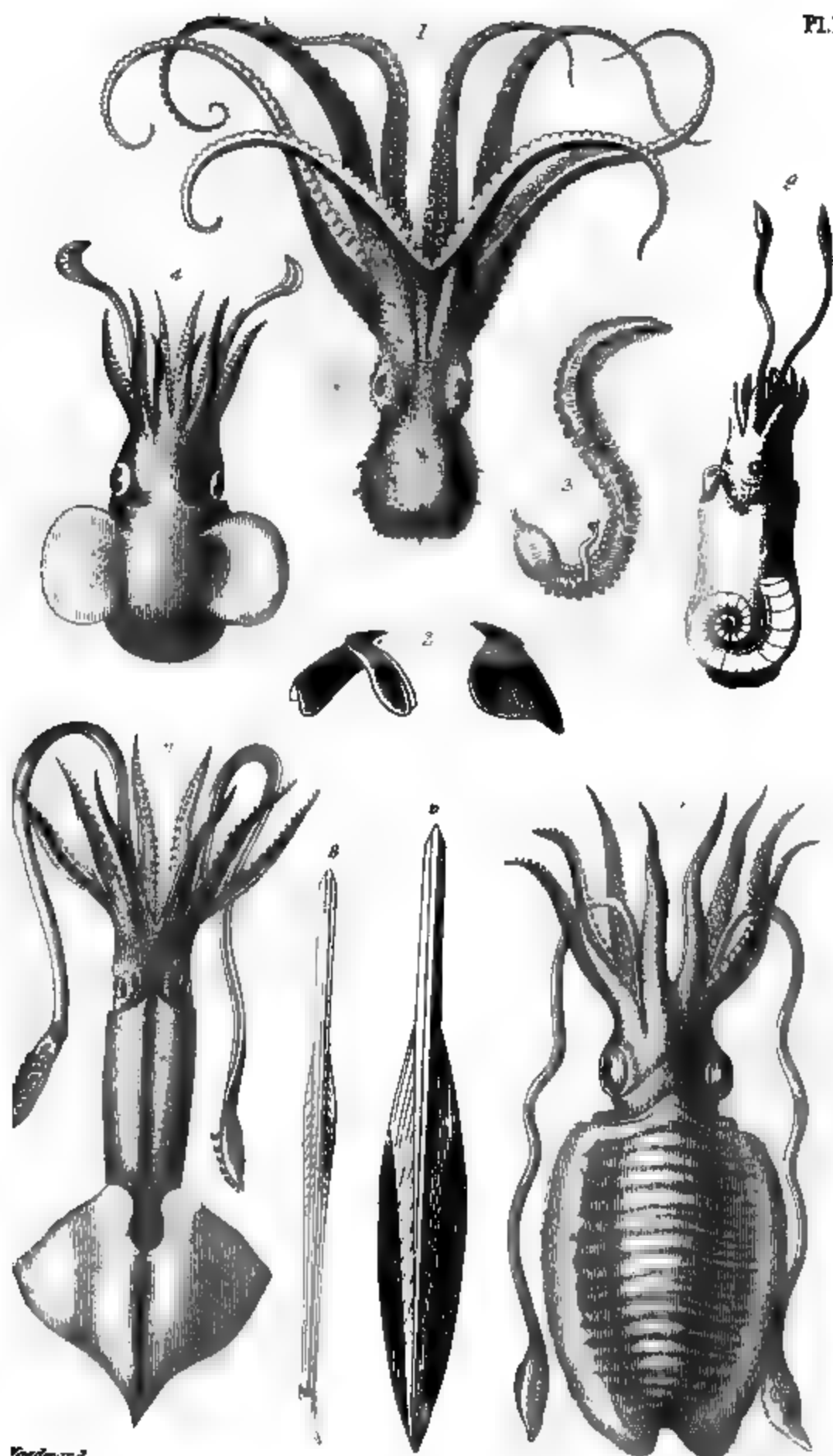
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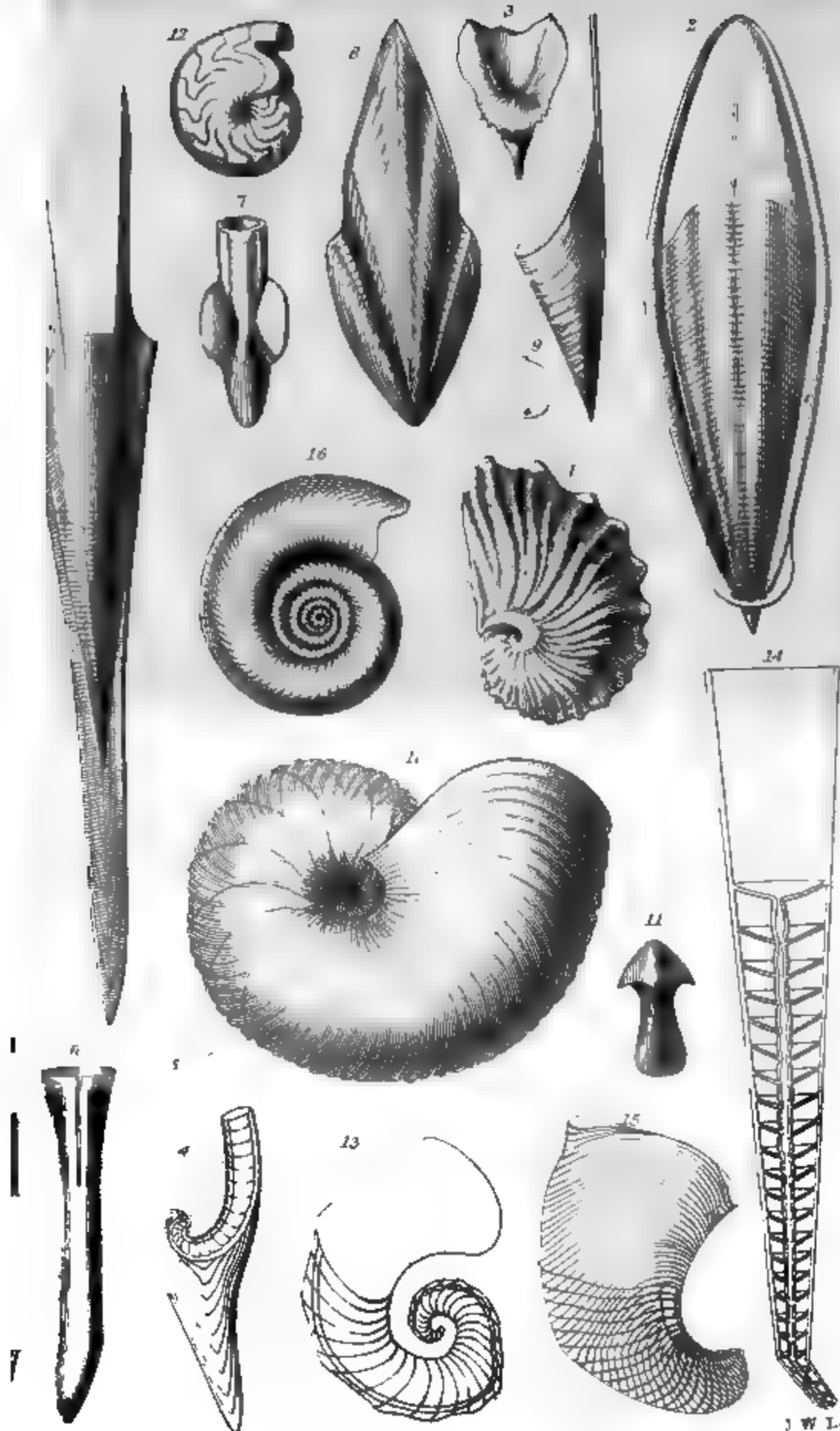
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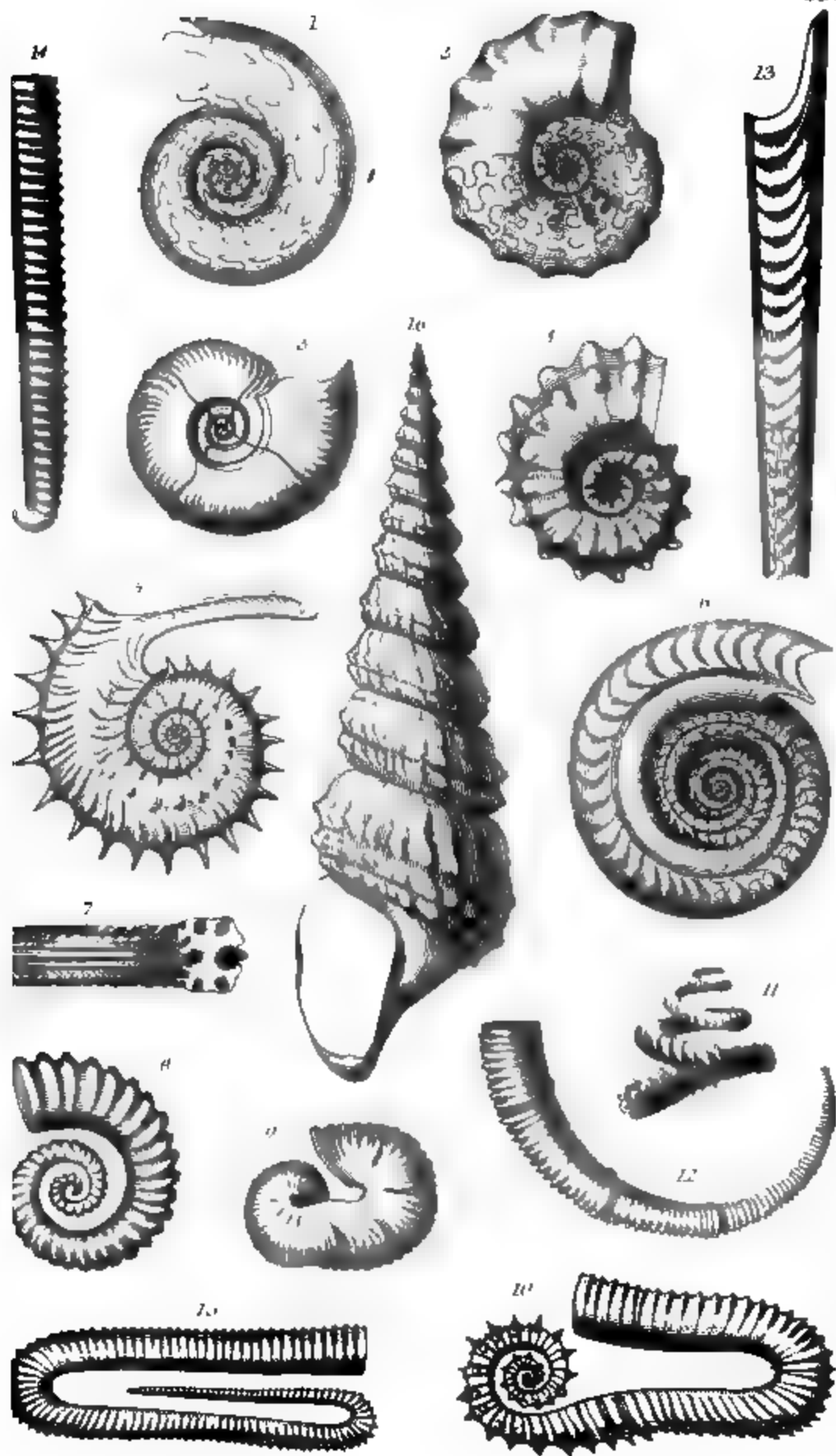
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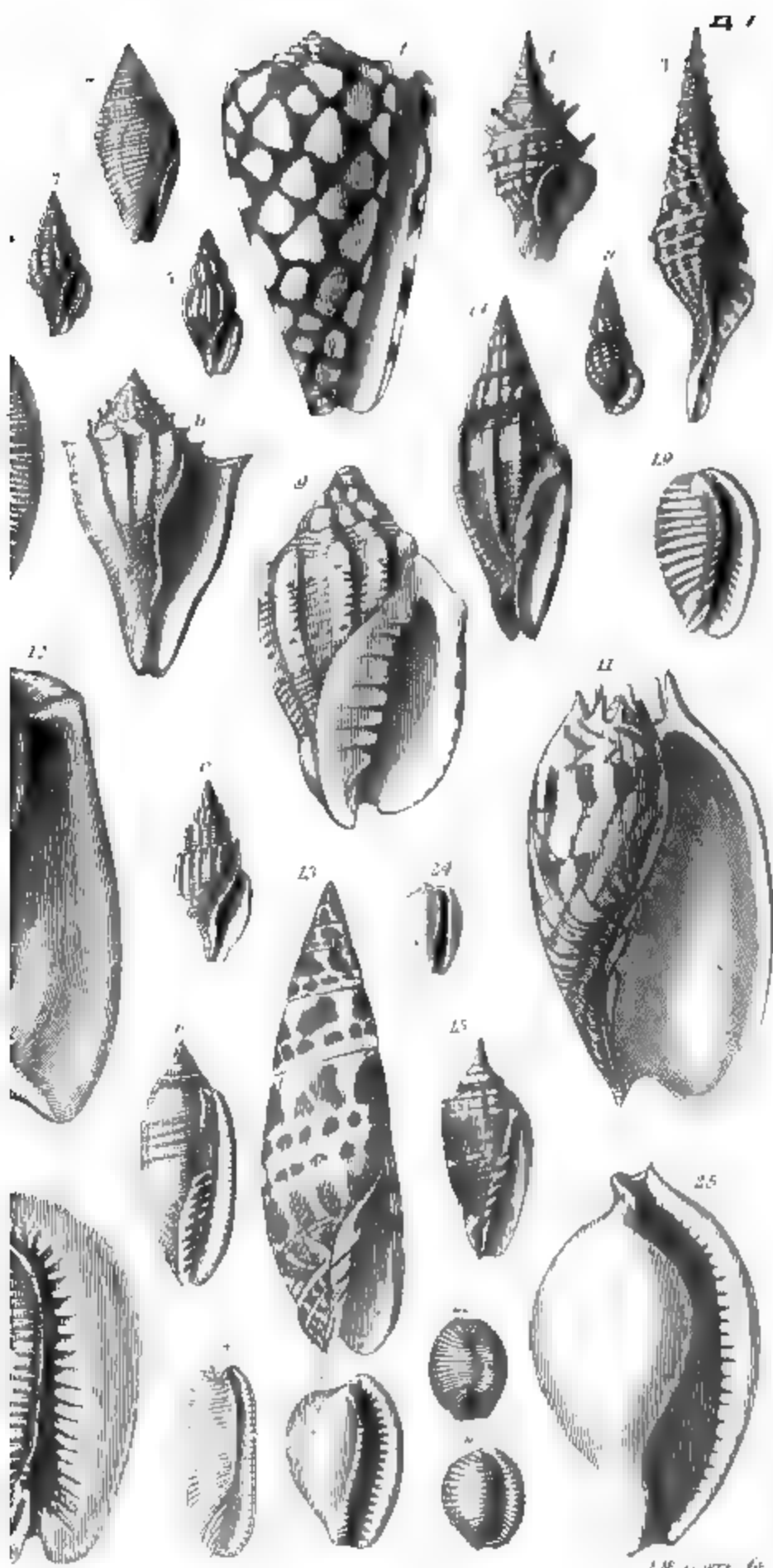
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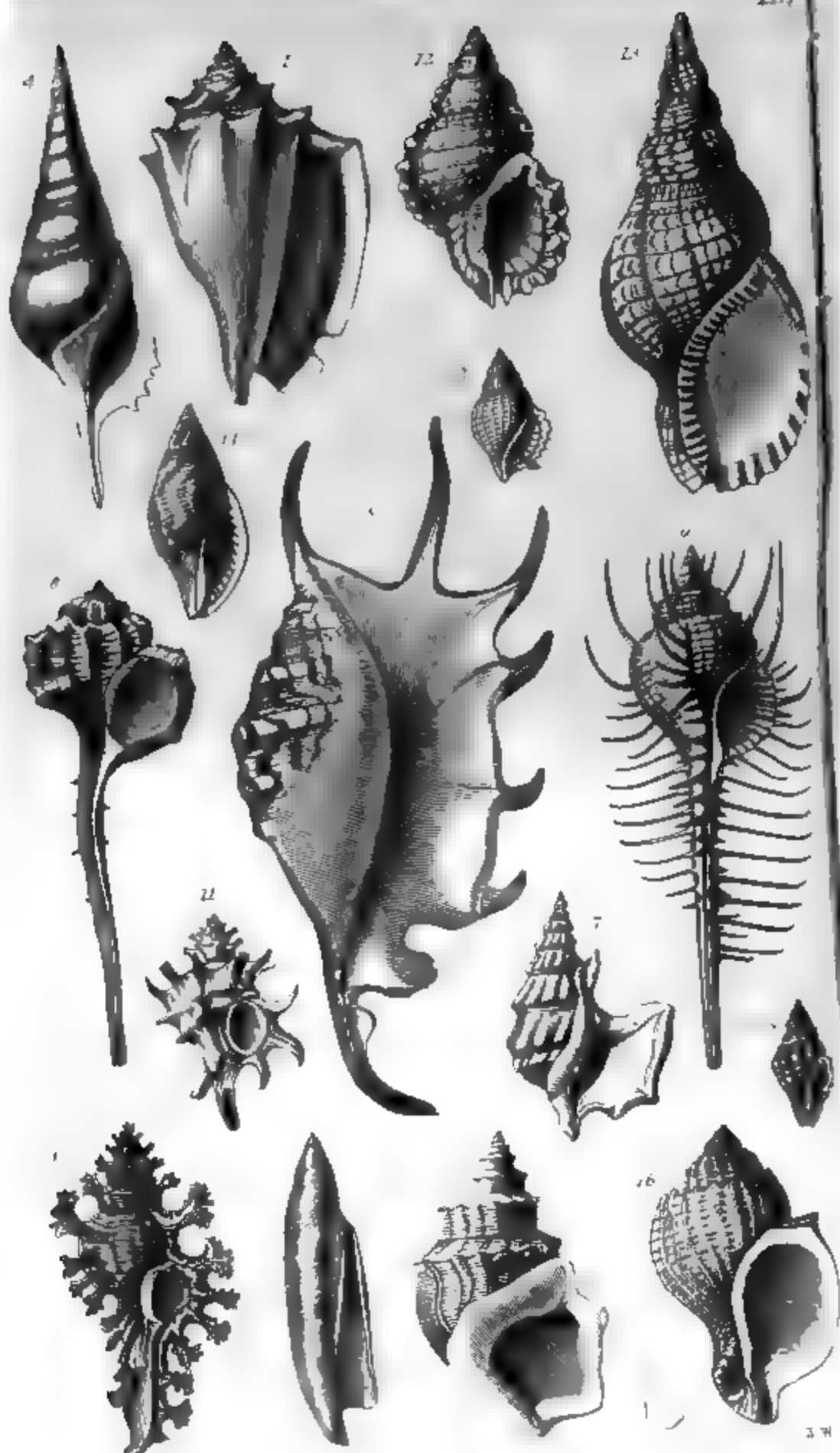
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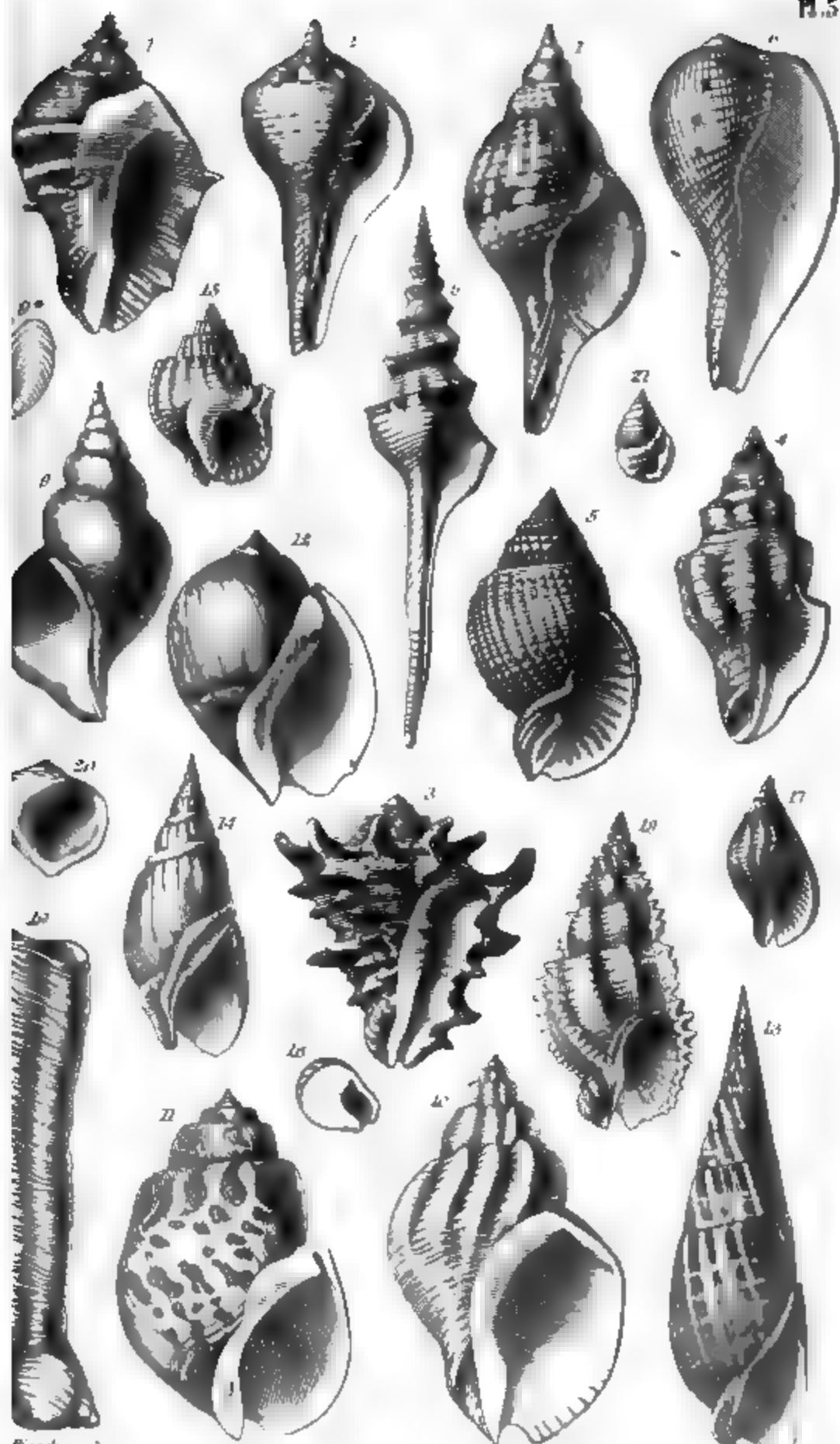
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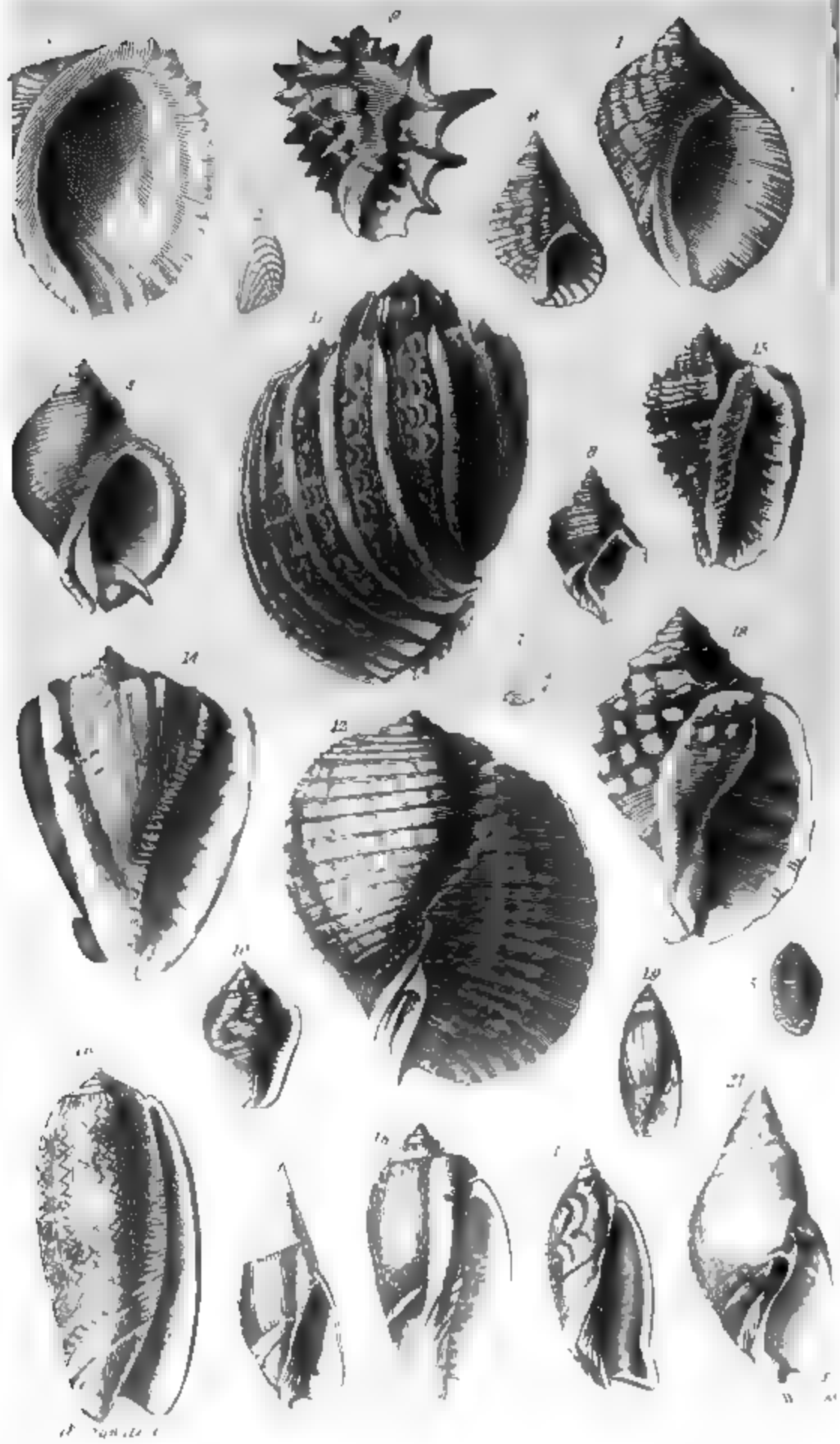
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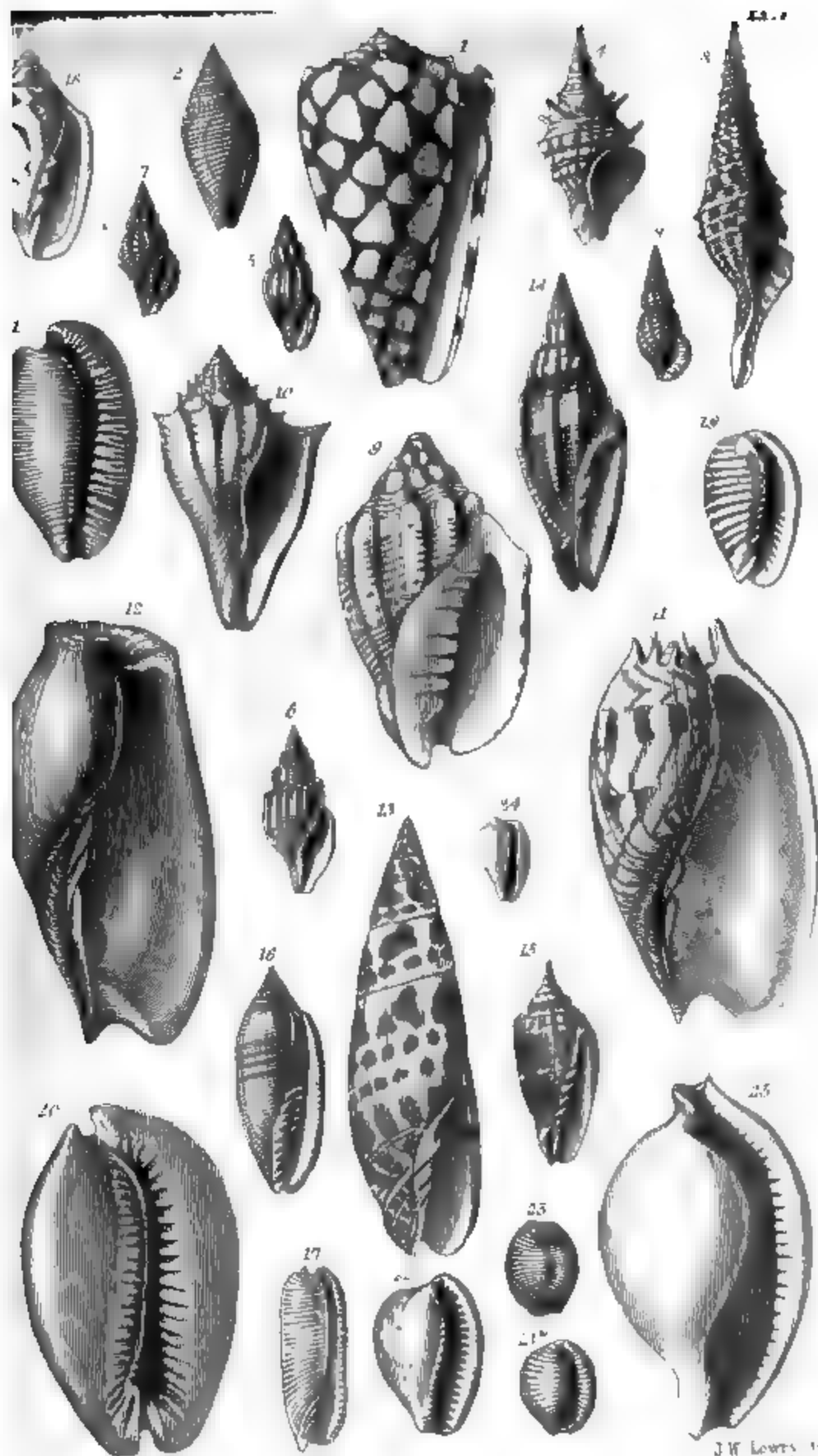
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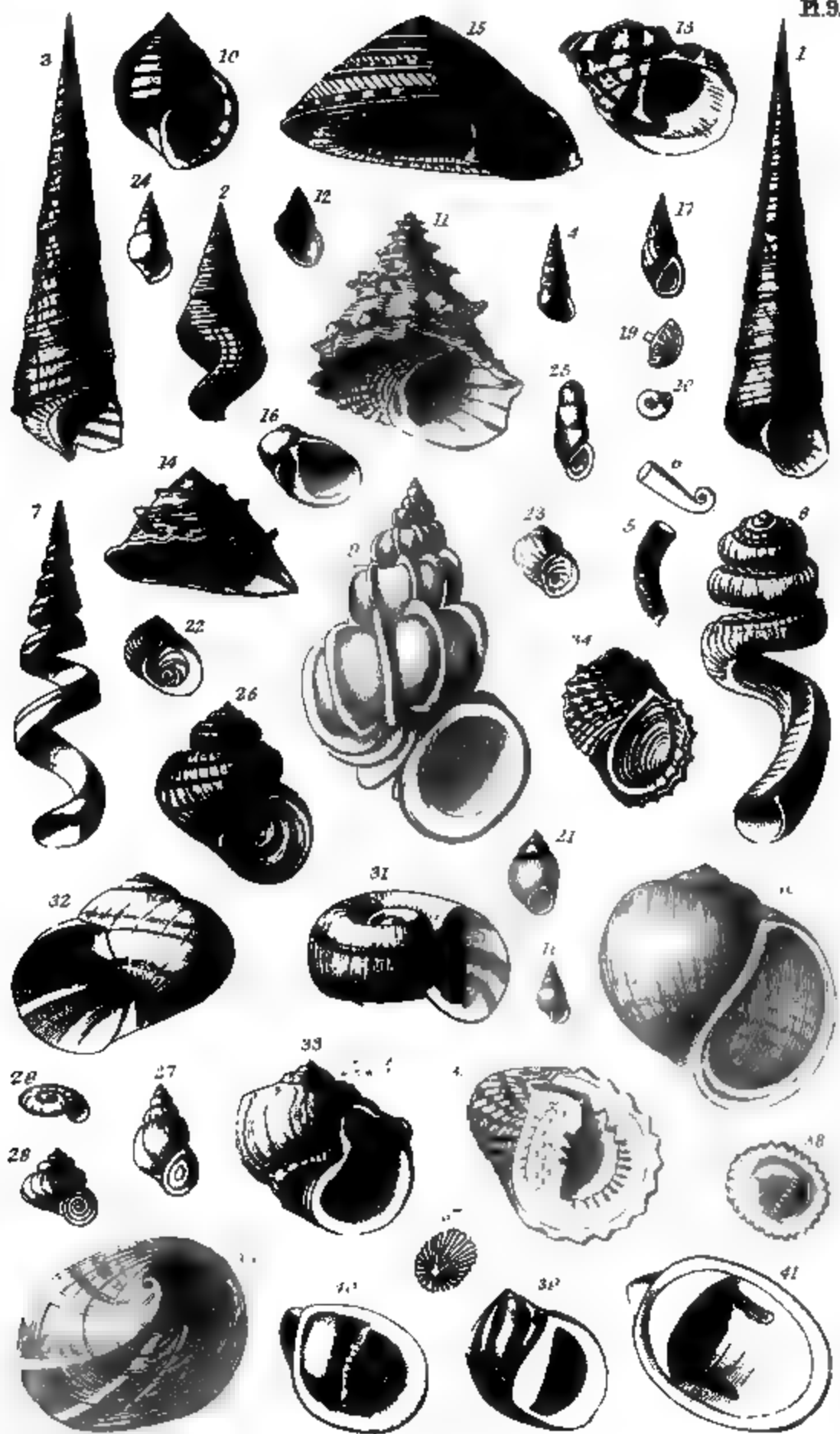
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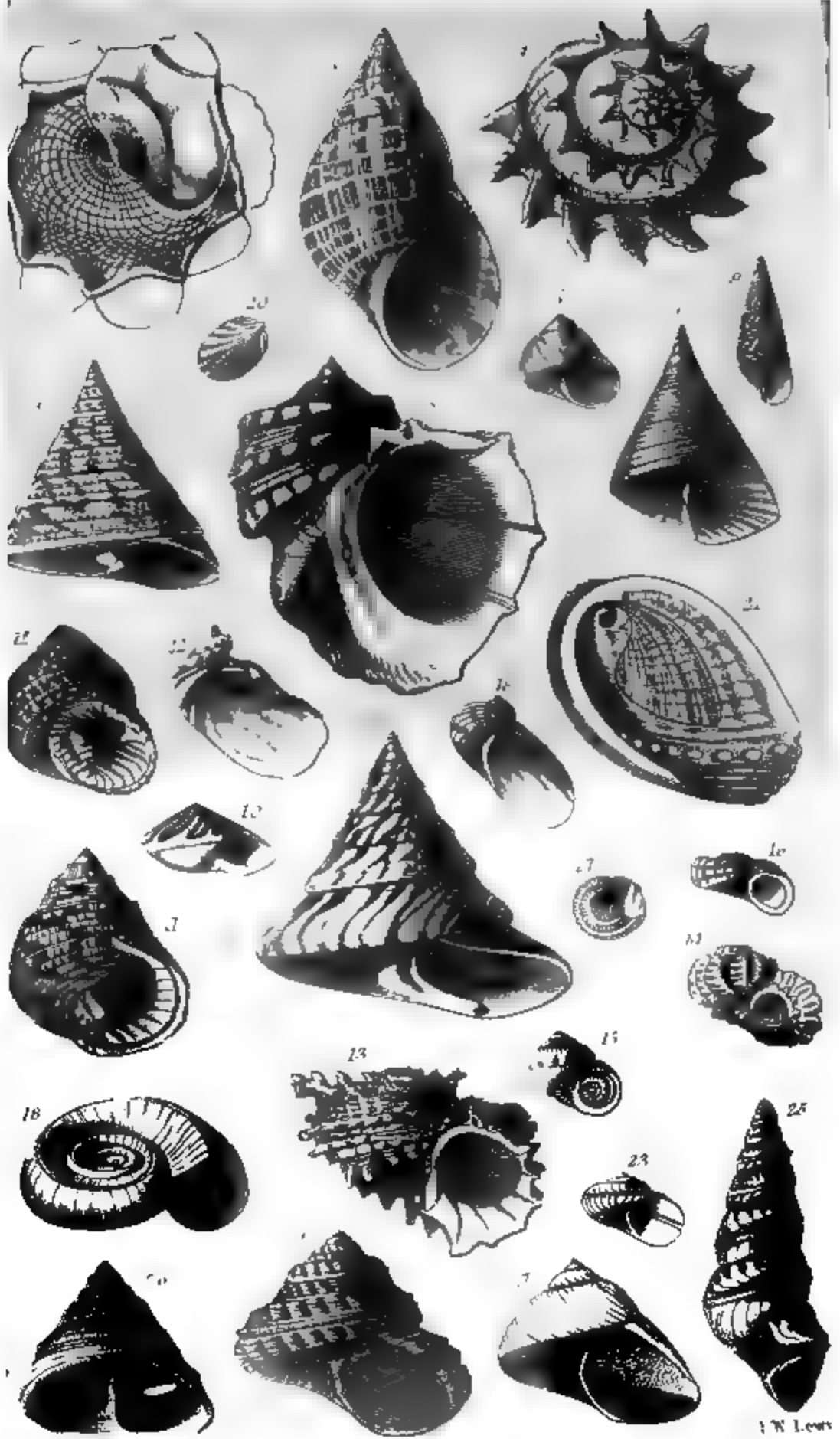
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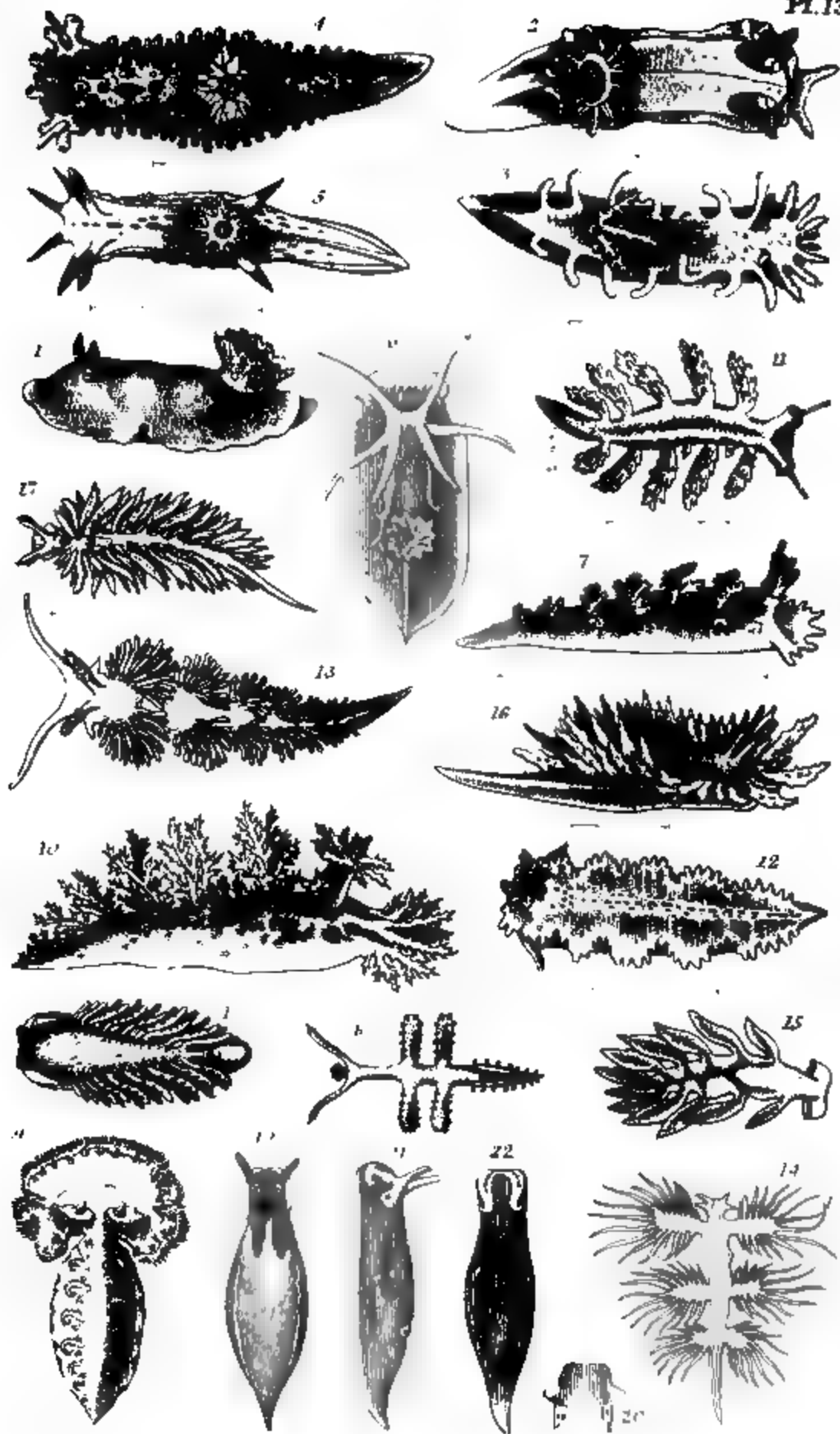
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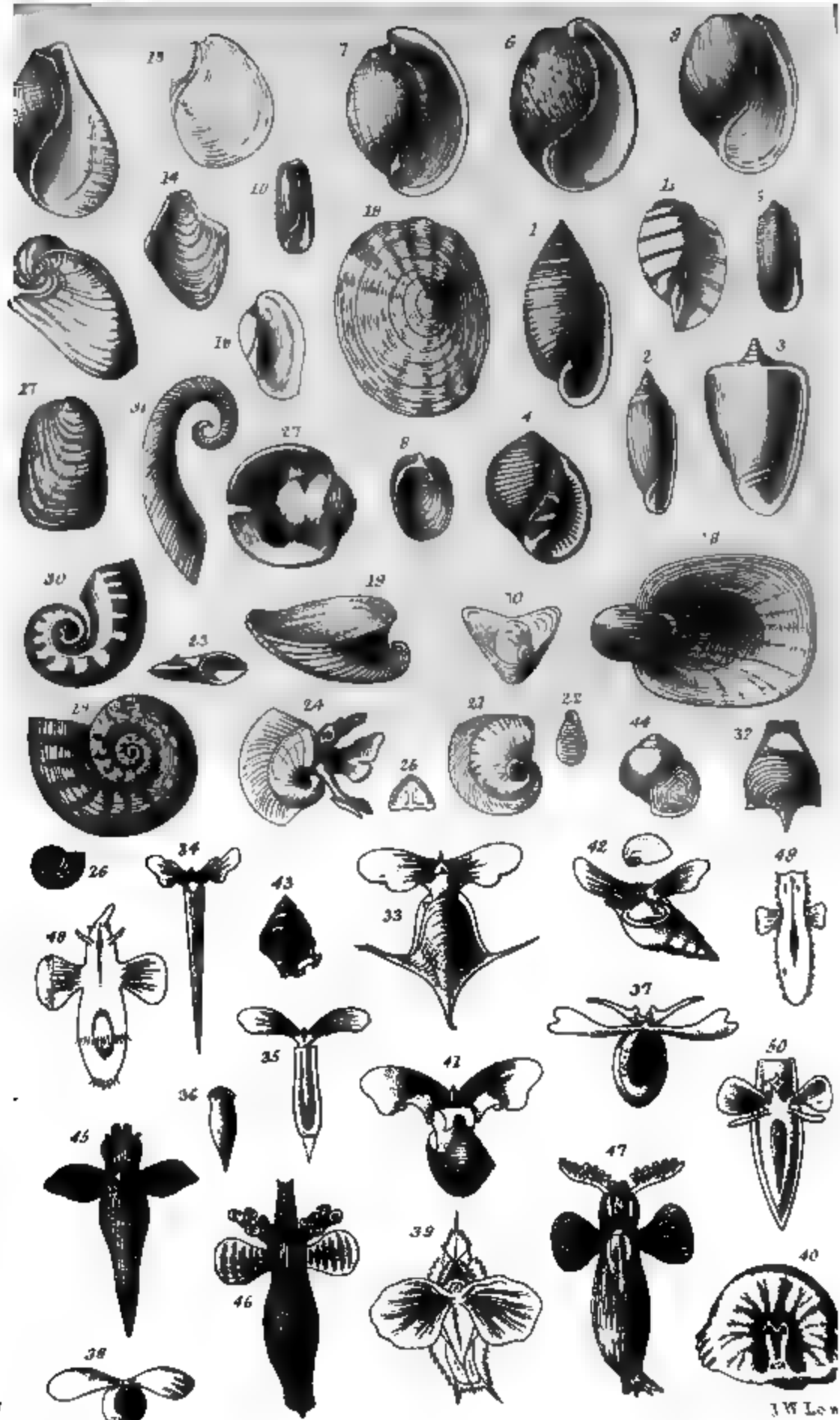
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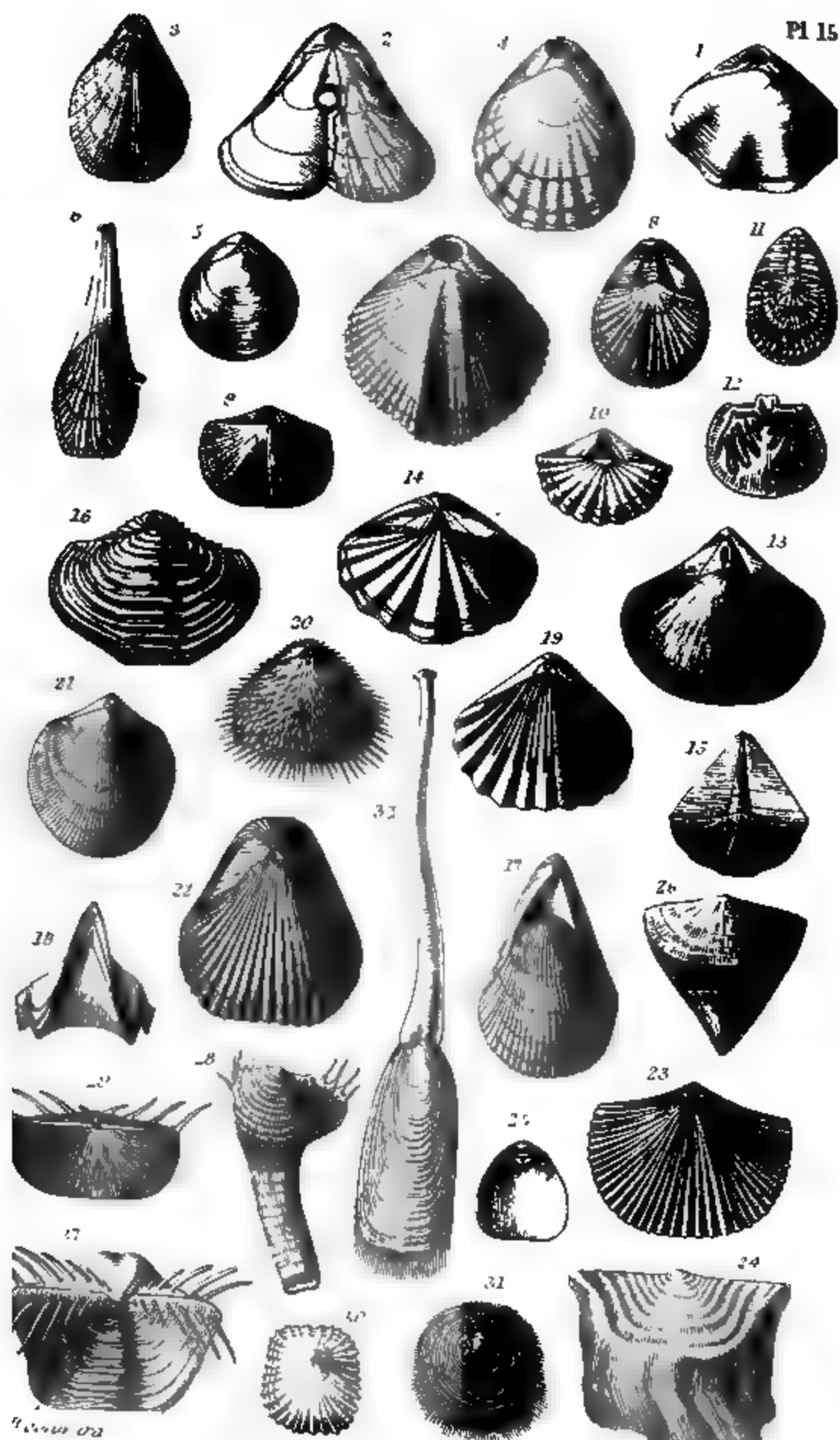
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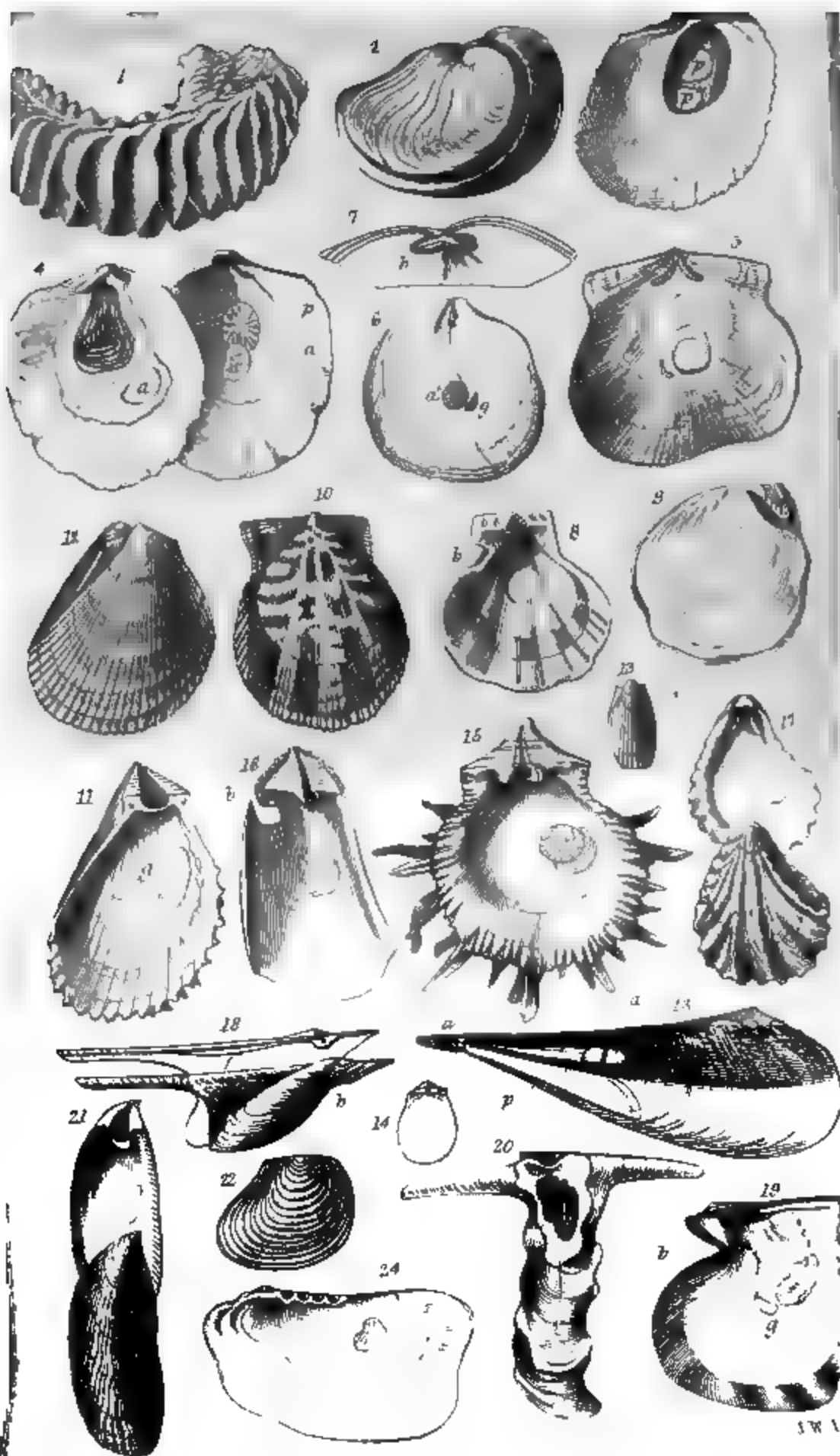


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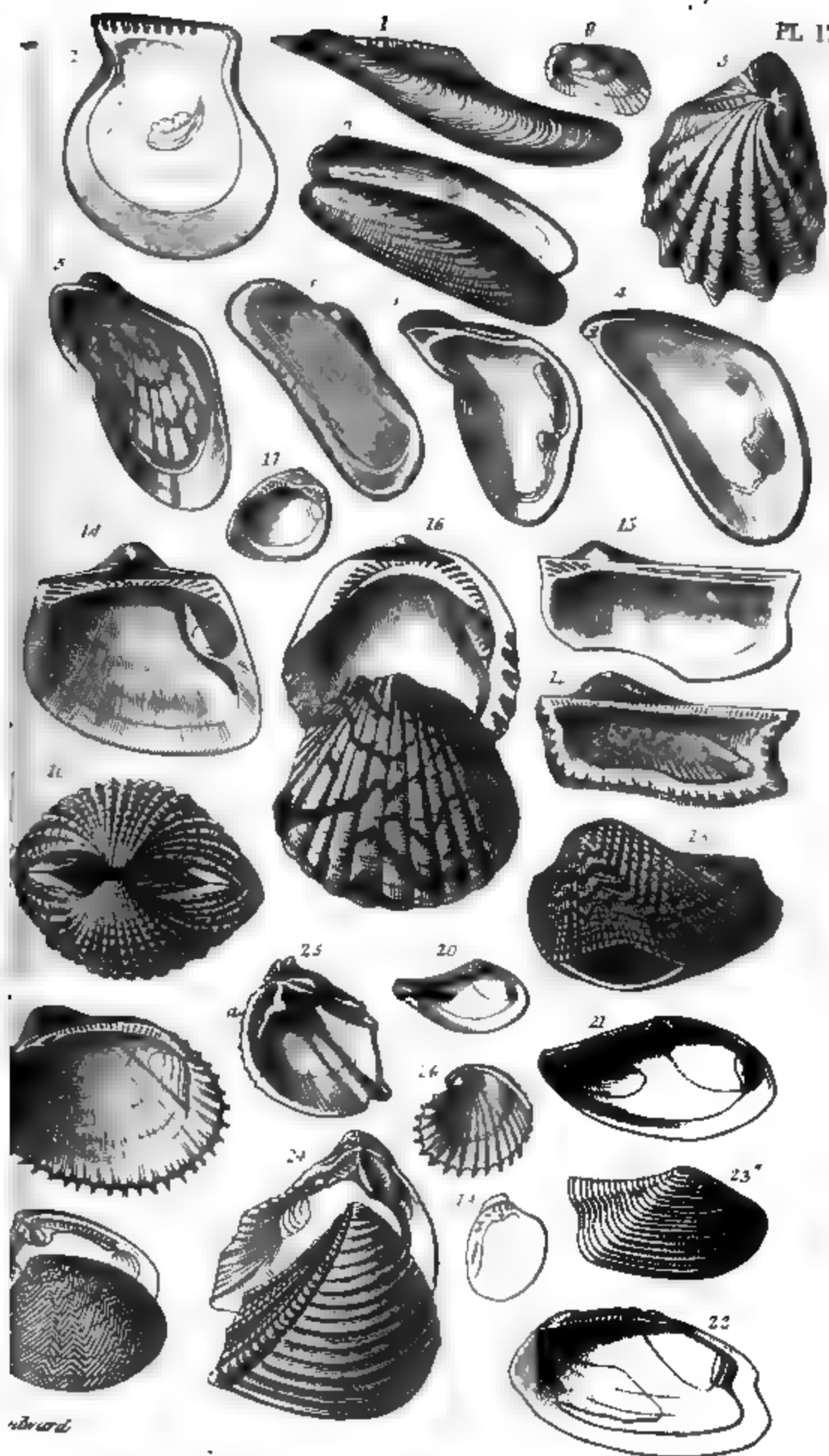
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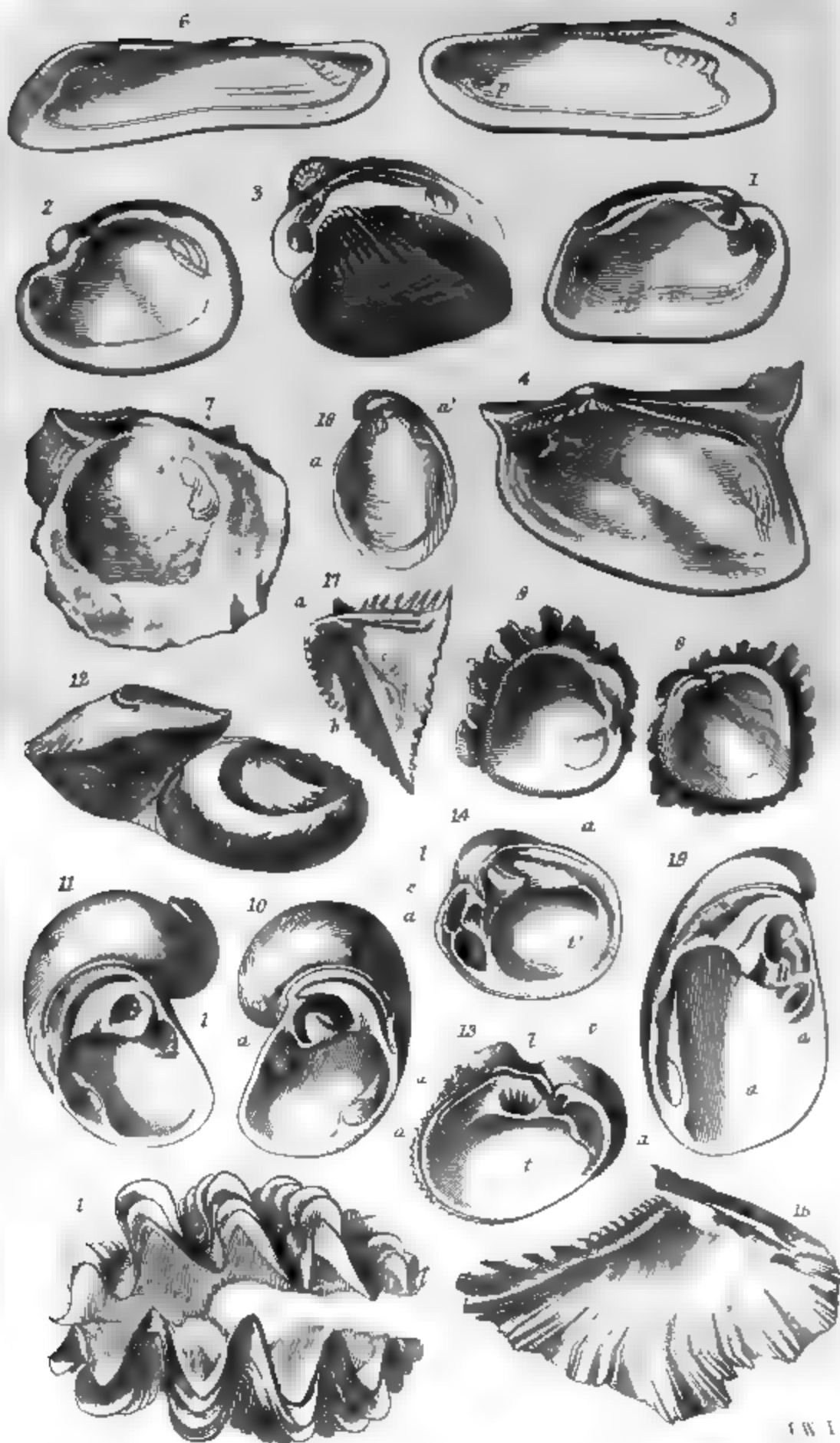
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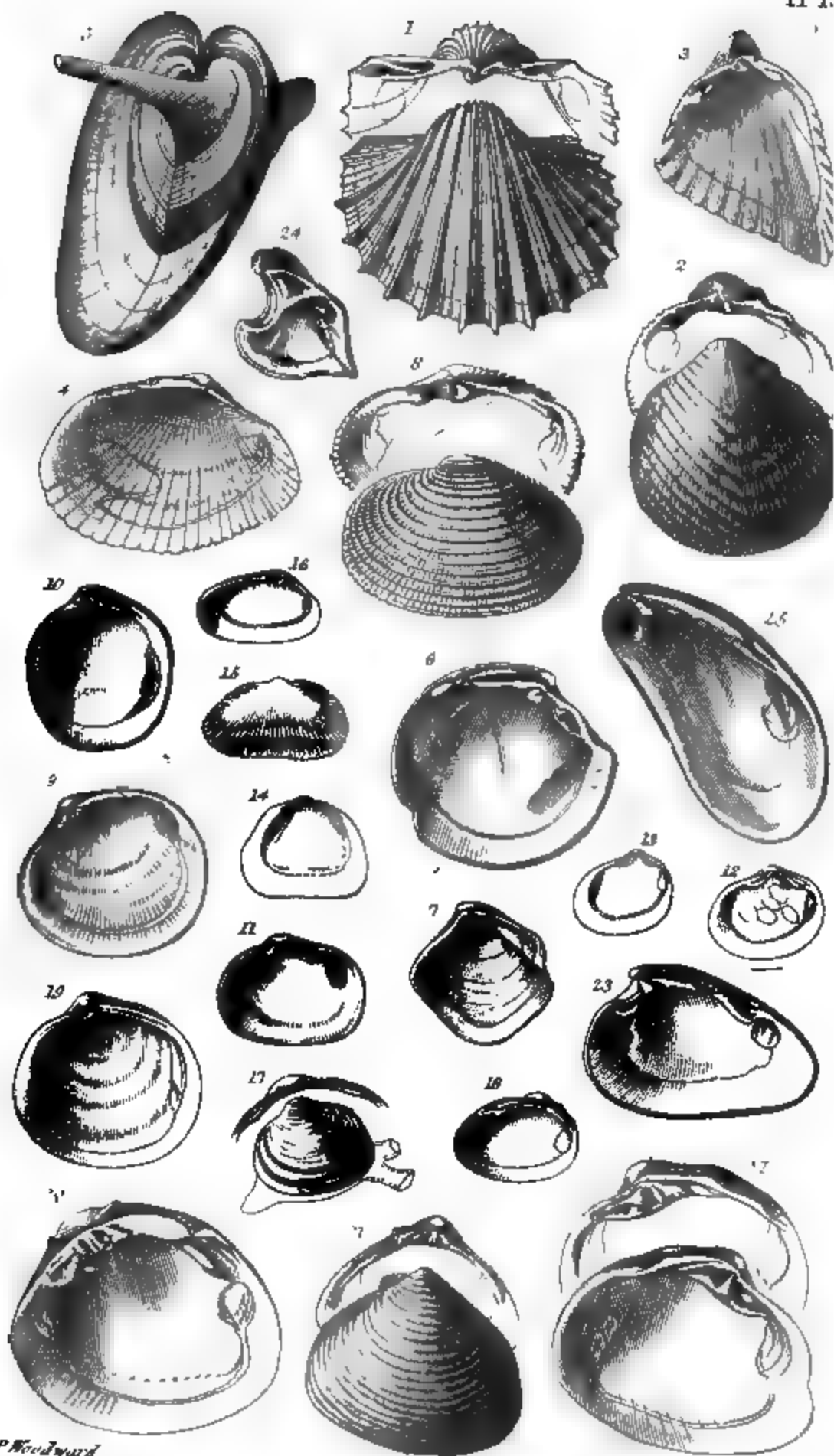
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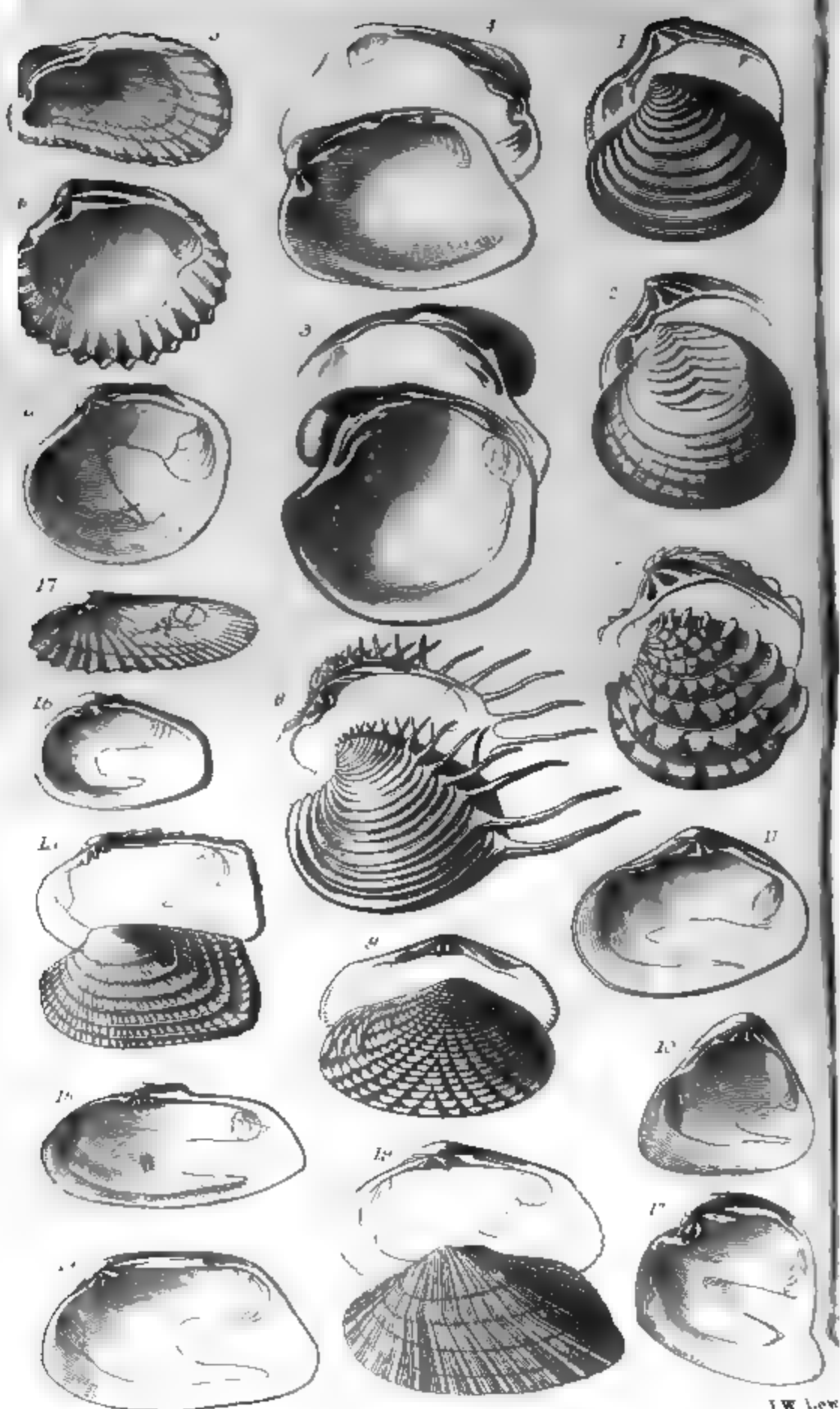
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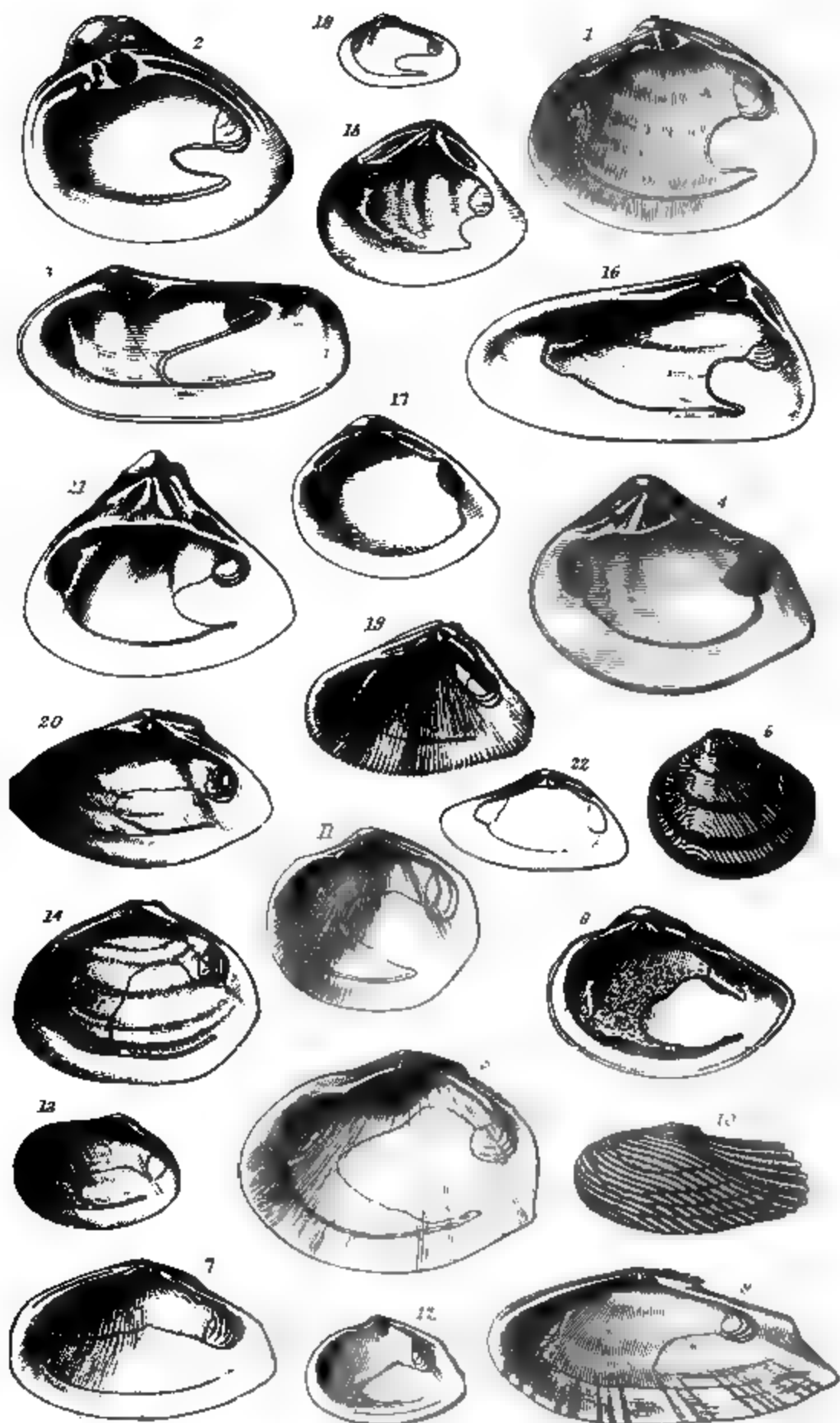
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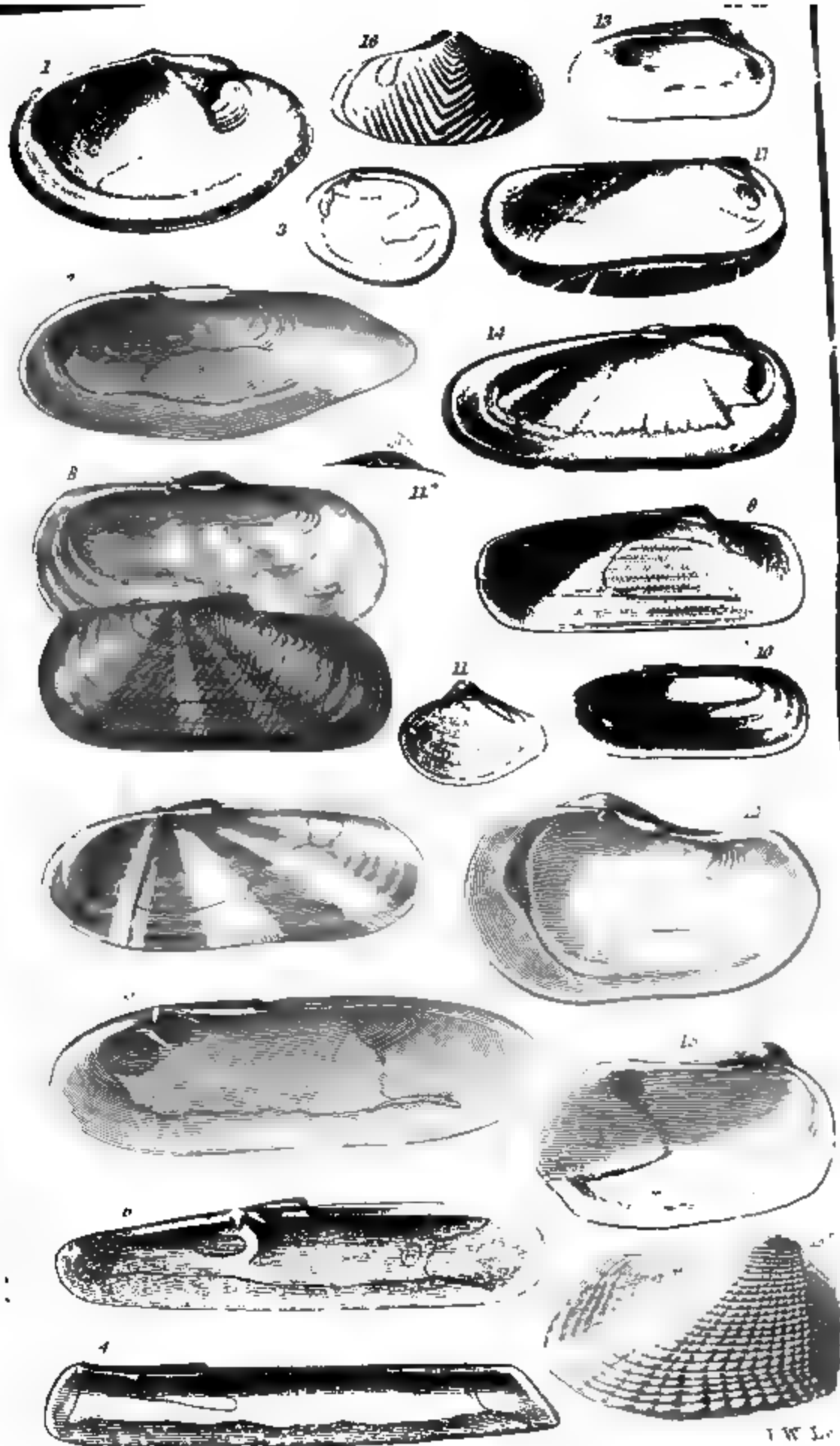
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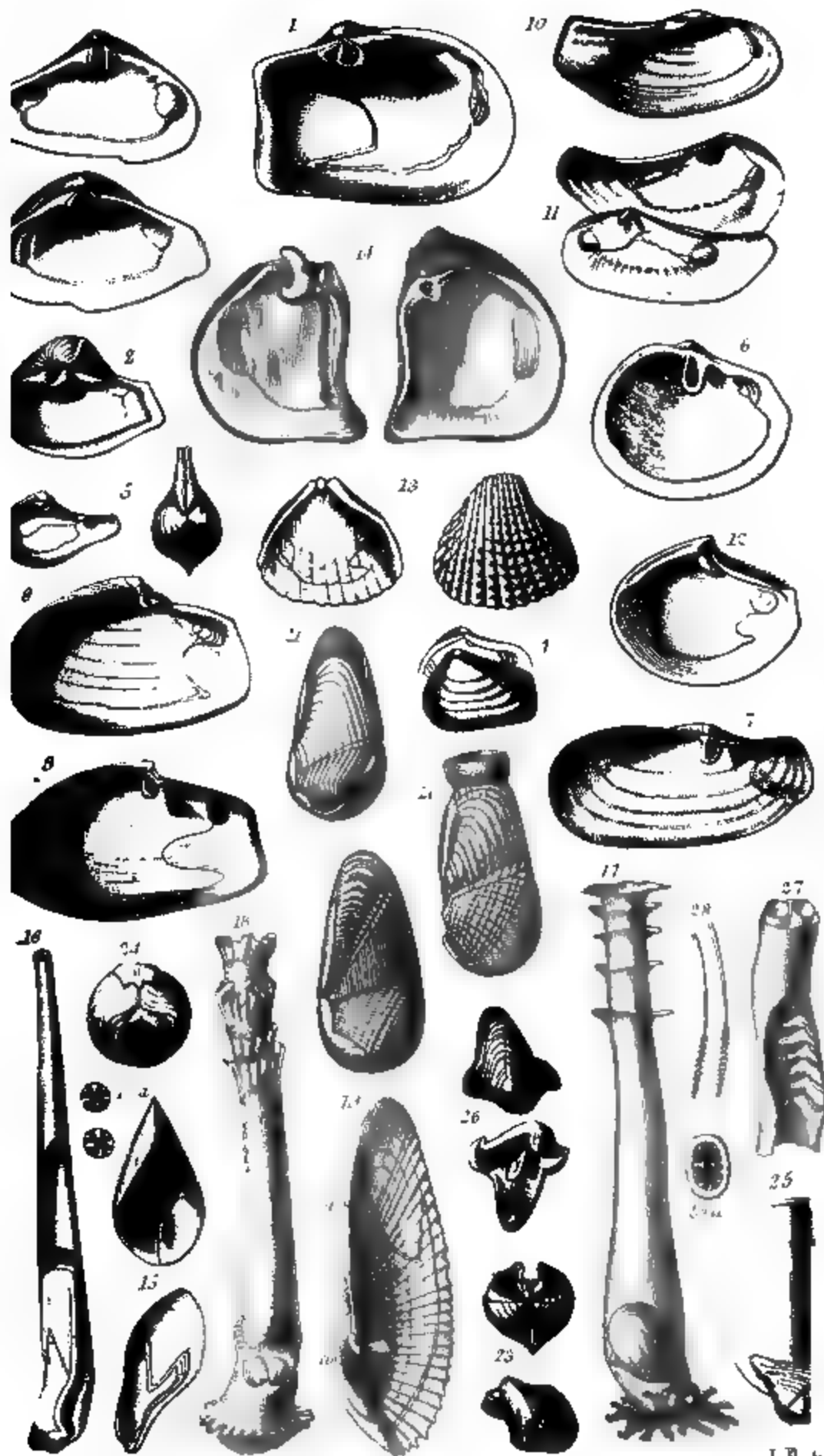
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